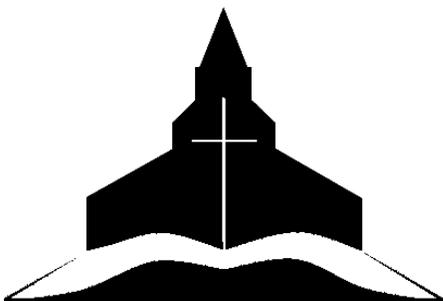


*Enter  
His gates  
with  
Thanksgiving  
and His  
courts with  
praise;  
give thanks  
to Him and  
praise His Name.*

*Psalm 100:4*



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# We Thank You for Your Blessings

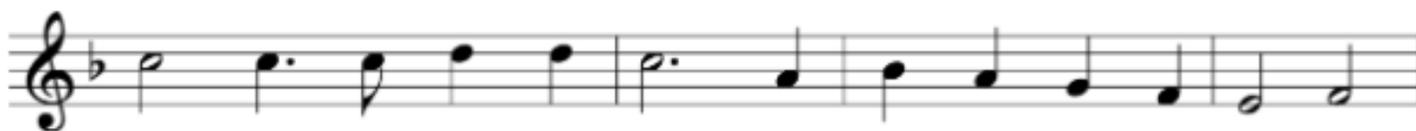
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Opening Bells

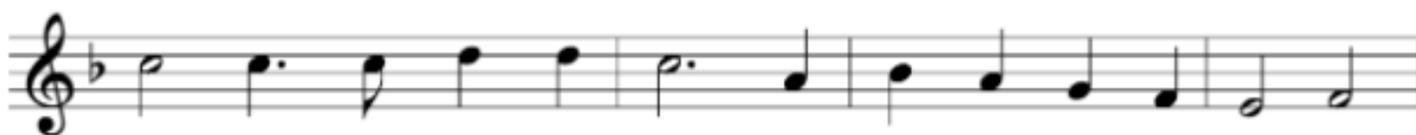
Chime Choir at 6:30 pm service

Opening Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God | CW #597



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;  
with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,



who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
and keep us in his grace and guide us when perplexed  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;



with countless gifts of love and still is ours to-day.  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; Martin Rinkert, 1586–1649

Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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## Invocation

Minister: We worship with thankful hearts in the Name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## Confession of Sins

Heavenly Father, all that we have and are find their source in You. You provide for us and defend us that we might be blessed and a blessing to those around us. *“Every good act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the lights, who does not change or shift like a shadow”* (James 1:17 EHV).

**But greed and covetousness far too often consume us. We complain about the abundance we think we lack and hoard the plenty You have given.**

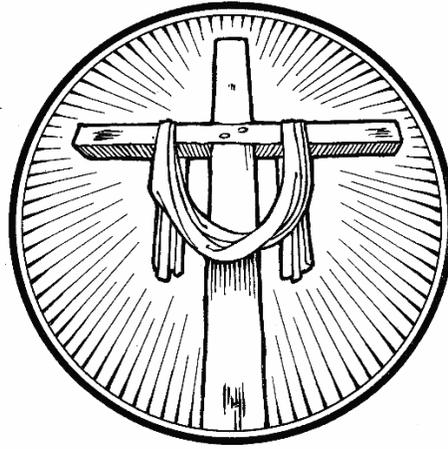
Savior of all, in unfathomable love, You gave up all for us. Though You were Lord of all, You became like one of us to suffer and die for all our sins. *“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that although He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that through His poverty you might become rich”* (2 Corinthians 8:9 EHV).

**Yet in our sin, even Your forgiveness has been misused, becoming an excuse for our evil acts or an item to be withheld according to our will and not Your own.**

Holy Spirit, You work mightily within our sinful human hearts and minds, granting faith and strengthening it as we walk the paths set before us. *“He saved us through the washing of rebirth and the renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs in keeping with the hope of eternal life”* (Titus 3:5-7 EHV).

**Still, even these gifts we often doubt, setting aside Your Means of Grace for the wisdom of the world and putting our trust in power and might other than Yours.**

**Yes, for these and all our sins, we bow in deep humiliation, acknowledging our guilt and the eternal punishment they deserve.**



## **Announcement of Forgiveness**

Dear Children of God, our Holy Trinity gave His Word so *“that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name”* (John 20:31 EHV). The Scriptures testify about our Father’s love for us which sent His Son, Jesus Christ, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. This gift is yours through the working of the Spirit for *“it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not of yourselves it is a gift of God”* (Ephesians 2:8 EHV). Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son (+), and of the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God! Amen!**

## **Song of Praise**

6:30 PM Glad Praises We Sing  
Sung by St. Paul’s Choir

9:00 AM We Praise You God | CW #609  
Sung by the congregation  
*Printed on the next page*

# 609 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

CW 609



1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us;



we bless your ho - ly name, — glad prais - es we sing.  
and with your help, O Lord, — our bat - tles we win.  
to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Text: Julia B. Cory, 1882–1963, alt.

Tune: Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck, Haarlem, 1626

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## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God our Father, Your generous goodness comes to us new everyday. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# The Word of God This Thanksgiving

## First Lesson: 2 Samuel 7:18-22

<sup>18</sup> Then King David went in and sat before the Lord, and he said:

“Who am I, O Sovereign Lord, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? <sup>19</sup> And as if this were not enough in your sight, O Sovereign Lord, you have also spoken about the future of the house of your servant. Is this your usual way of dealing with man, O Sovereign Lord?

<sup>20</sup> “What more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Sovereign Lord. <sup>21</sup> For the sake of your word and according to your will, you have done this great thing and made it known to your servant.

<sup>22</sup> “How great you are, O Sovereign Lord! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears.

## Psalm 100

All People that on Earth Do Dwell | CW #601



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the  
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; he formed us  
3 O en - ter then his gates with joy, with - in his  
4 Trust that the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy



Lord with cheer - ful voice. Serve him with joy, his  
all with - out our aid. We are the flock he  
courts his praise pro - claim. Let thank - ful songs your  
is for - ev - er sure. His faith - ful - ness at



prais - es tell, come now be - fore him and re - jice!  
comes to feed, the sheep who by his hand were made.  
tongues em - ploy, O bless and mag - ni - fy his name.  
all times stood and shall from age to age en - dure.

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594, alt.

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551, ed. Louis Bourgeois

Text and tune: Public domain

## Second Lesson: Philippians 1:3-11

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. <sup>8</sup> God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup> so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God.

### Response

From All That Dwell Below the Skies | CW #605

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let the Cre -  
2 E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal

a - tor's praise a - rise. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
truth at - tends your Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung through ev - 'ry  
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall

land, by ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
rise and set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## **Gospel Lesson: Luke 7:36-50 (Sermon Text)**

<sup>36</sup> Now one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. <sup>37</sup> When a woman who had lived a sinful life in that town learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume, <sup>38</sup> and as she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

<sup>39</sup> When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

<sup>40</sup> Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, teacher," he said.

<sup>41</sup> "Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

<sup>43</sup> Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

<sup>44</sup> Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. <sup>47</sup> Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little."

<sup>48</sup> Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

<sup>49</sup> The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

<sup>50</sup> Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

# Hymn of the Day

Ten Thousand Reasons | CW #607



Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;



wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,



O my soul; I'll wor - ship your ho - ly name.



1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing; —  
2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your  
3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the



7 it's time to sing your — song a - gain. What - ev - er may  
name — is — great, and your heart is kind. For all — your  
end — draws — near, and my time has come; 7 still — my



pass, — and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,  
good-ness, I will keep — on — sing - ing—  
soul will sing your praise — un - end - ing—



let me be sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.  
ten thou-sand rea - sons for my heart to find.  
ten thou-sand years and then for - ev - er - more.

*Refrain*

Text: Matt Redman, b. 1974; Jonas Myrin, b. 1982

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# Sermon

## Creed in Song

## We All Believe in One True God | CW #940



1 We all be - lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and  
2 We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and  
3 We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost, who from both for -



Ho - ly Ghost, ev - er - pres - ent help in need,  
Mar - y's Son, who de - scend - ed from his throne  
e'er pro - ceeds, who up - holds and com - forts us



praised by all the heav'n - ly host, by whose might - y  
and for us sal - va - tion won, by whose cross and  
in all tri - als, fears, and needs. Bless - ed, ho - ly



pow'r a - lone all is made and wrought and done.  
death are we res - cued from all mis - er - y.  
Trin - i - ty, praise to you e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684

Tune: adapt. Cornelius H. Dretzel, 1697–1775; Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 3rd. ed., Meiningen, 1693

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## Offering

## Prayer of the Day

Lord of heaven and earth, You made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly processions of day and night for our work and rest.

**Thank You for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.**

Thank You for roofs that shelter us, for clothes that protect us, and for food and drink. Thank You for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank You for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

**Thank You for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.**

Thank You for cities and countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

**Thank You for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.**

Thank You for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by You.

**Thank You for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.**

Thank You for the healing You bring when we are sick, the protection You send when we are in danger, and the comfort You offer when we are sad. Hear our prayers for [ ... ]. Lead us

to be thankful as we believe that in all things You work for the good of those who love You.

**Thank You for those who help and encourage us in difficult times.**

Hear us, Lord, as we bring our private petitions.

*Silent prayers (special petitions may follow)*

Thank You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for His coming to us in Word and sacraments, for His giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

**Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.**

**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.**

## Hymn

## O Bless the Lord, My Soul | CW #623



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with-in me join and  
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, nor let his mer - cies lie for -  
3 'Tis he for - gives your sins, 'tis he re - lieves your pain, 'tis  
4 He fills the poor with good; he gives the suf - f'ers rest. The  
5 His won-drous works and ways he made by Mo - ses known but



aid my tongue to bless his name whose fa - vors are di - vine.  
got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness and with - out prais - es die.  
he that heals your sick - ness - es and makes you young a - gain.  
Lord has judg - ments for the proud and jus - tice for th'\_op - pressed.  
sent the world his truth and grace by his be - lov - ed Son.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731–1776

Text and tune: Public domain

## Prayer

Almighty God and Father, Your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of Your Spirit, lead us to acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## Hymn

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow | CW #617



The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;  
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551, ed. Louis Bourgeois

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*“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers” (Galatians 6:10).*

The mission of Christian Aid and Relief is to reflect Christ’s love and compassion to souls suffering from disasters and hardships. Because of what Christ has freely done for us, we eagerly show we care by offering our time, talents, and treasures to those in need.

We carry out this mission of compassion in three main areas: disaster relief, humanitarian aid, and personal relief grants.

- Disaster Relief – When a disaster strikes, we work with our congregations and missions in the impacted area to help the congregation and community clean up and rebuild. We do this by providing funding, equipment, and trained volunteer labor when appropriate. *To sign up as a disaster relief volunteer, visit [welsdisasterrelief.net](http://welsdisasterrelief.net).*
- Humanitarian Aid – We partner with WELS Home and World Missions to provide aid and assistance to those in need. This aid takes many forms such as wells for the thirsty, food for the hungry, medical care for the sick and dying, and school supplies for underprivileged kids. These projects not only alleviate suffering, but they help develop relationships between the missionaries and the local people and often lead to opportunities to share the gospel.
- Personal Relief Grants – We work with our WELS Congregations to assist members and prospects who are experiencing a major medical or financial crisis.

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