For the LORD your God
is bringing you into a
good land...
...eat your fill and
bless the
LORD!
Deuteronomy 8:7-10



Thanksgiving Service 2026

THE OPENING

Today's service follows a special Thanksgiving liturgy in combination
With Setting 2 from the Worship Supplement 2000 p.12ff.

Greeting and Prayer

Hymn LSB 892 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

The Invocation and Opening Responsive

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**.

P God be merciful to us and bless us, And cause Your face to shine upon us. That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.

C **Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.**

P Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, And govern the nations on earth.

C **Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.**

P Then the earth shall yield her increase; God, our own God, shall bless us.

C **God shall bless us, And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.**

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.

P Dear Friends in Christ, aware of God's providence and grace, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and**

do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

C Amen.

Thanksgiving Gloria

Words by L.D. Redlin. Sung to the tune of "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

♪ **C** ***Come, let us join in praise, God's people one and all,***
Who through the years have been both blest In body and in soul.
Lift up your hearts to sing And raise your voices strong;
Let all the world behold our God And join to sing our song.

Come, let us hear His Word; Inspired by our God,
It lights our every step as we Through this world's darkness trod.
As we thus walk with God -- Our hand in His each day --
We'll find a peace in heart and soul In Him the Truth, the Way.

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

P Let us pray… through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



The Scripture

Epistle Reading: *1 Timothy 2:1-4*

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, [2] for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. [3] This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, [4] who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Responsive Reading: *Psalm 107 Selected Verses*

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

C **Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble**

P And gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

C **Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in;**

P Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

C **Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.**

P Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

C **And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!**

P Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

C **Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things; let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.**



Choir Song—*Grace: Adult Choir "A Celebration of Thanks"*
Berea: Sunday School "Praise the Lord"

Gospel Reading: *Luke 17:11-19*

On the way to Jerusalem he 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 Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

♪ C ***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***
These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanksgiving Confession of Faith

of Luther's explanation to the First Article of the Apostles' Creed.

C **I believe that God has created me and all creatures. He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my bodily members, my mind and all my senses, and still keeps them for me.**

God also preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing, and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all my property, and all I need to support this body and life. He protects me from all danger. He guards and defends me from every evil.

God does all this because He is my good and gracious Father in heaven, not because of anything I have done to earn or deserve it. For all of this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true. Amen.

Hymn LSB 895 *Now Thank We All Our God*

The Sermon

Sermon Reading: *Deuteronomy 8:1-10*

"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.

Theme: THANKSGIVING IN THE WILDERNESS

Preaching Today: Pastor Tom Naumann
of Grace Lutheran Church, Fridley. MN

The Response

The Offertory

Words by L.D. Redlin. Sung to the tune of "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

♪ C ***Come, let us offer gifts, With hearts of thankfulness,***
That we may tell the whole wide world What God has done for us.
And give to people lost, And caught in Satan's lies,
The gift of God's redemptive grace To dry repentant tears.

Hymn LSB 918 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer*

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.

Prayer of the Church † The Lord's Prayer

We boldly approach God's throne of grace, that we may find grace to help in time of need.

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 Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

♪ C ***Amen, Amen, Amen!***

Closing Hymn LSB 805 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

WELCOME!

We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ.

- **This special service** is a joint effort of two CLC churches:
  - Grace Lutheran Church in Fridley, MN—Wed., Nov. 25 at 7:00pm
  - Berea Lutheran Church in Inver Grover Heights, MN—Thur., Nov. 26 at 10:00am
- **If you are visiting with us today**, please sign the guest book in the entryway and we invite you to join us again.
- **If you are looking for a church home,** ask Pastor about a free one-on-one Bible study for new people. Where & when? Your convenience.

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