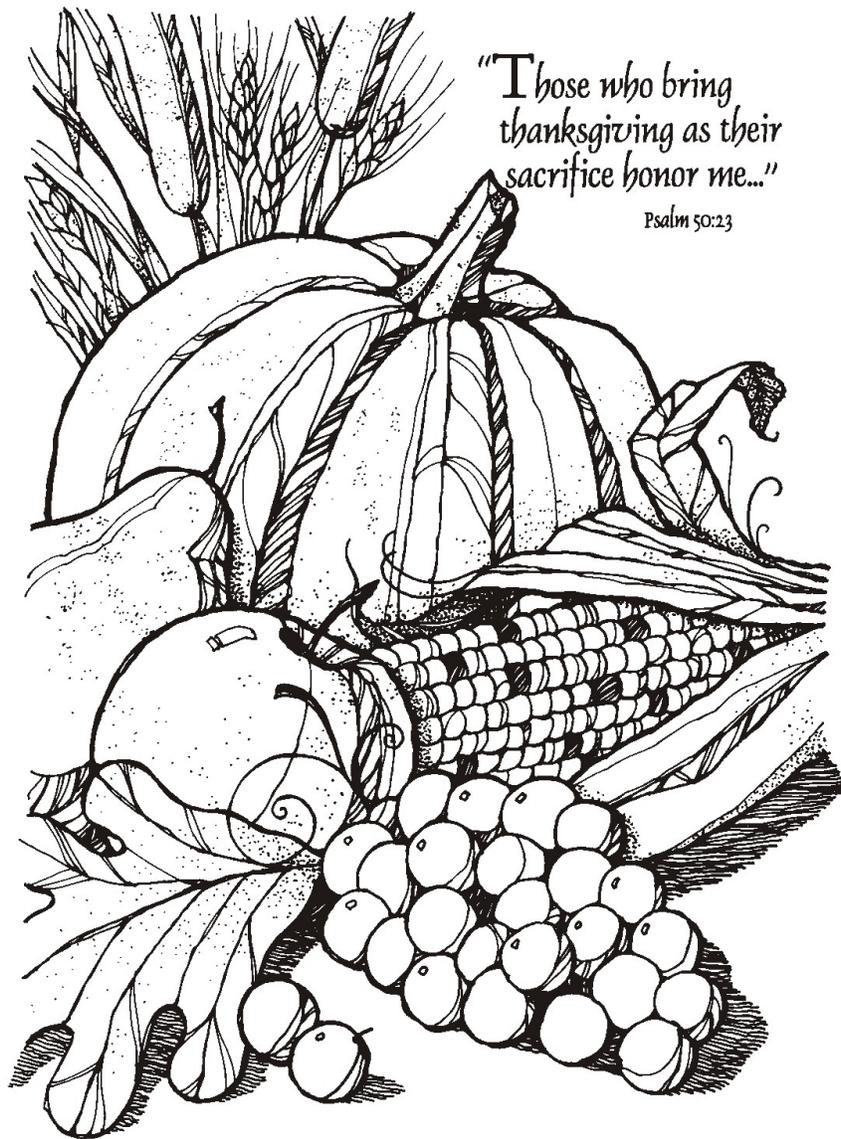


A Thanksgiving Day Service
November 25, 2021
St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Hazen, ND



*"Those who bring
thanksgiving as their
sacrifice honor me..."*

Psalm 50:23



THANKS FOR OUR DAILY BREAD



WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Before You, Lord, We Bow"

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- St. 1: Before You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below, Boundless in pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring In joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
- St. 2: The nation You have blest May well Your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest, Protected by Your care.
For this bright day, For this fair land—
Gifts of Your hand— Our thanks we pay.
- St. 3: May ev'ry mountain height, Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue Be tuned to praise
And join to raise A grateful song.
- St. 4: Earth, hear your Maker's voice; Your great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship Him alone.
Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore,
And bow before The Crucified.
- St. 5: And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng, With joy to sing
To heav'n's high King Salvation's song!

Acknowledging Our Daily Bread

P *Give us this day our daily bread.* (Matthew 6:11)

C **God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayer, even to all evil people.**

P *Give us this day our daily bread.* (Matthew 6:11)

C **We pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.**

(Tune: # 895)

♪ Now thank we all our God ♪
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In Whom His world rejoices,

Who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

P *Give us this day our daily bread.* (Matthew 6:11)

C Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body such as . . .

Men: food and clothing,

Women: home and property,

Men: work and income,

Women: a devoted family,

Men: an orderly community,

Women: good government,

Men: favorable weather,

Women: peace and health,

Men: a good reputation,

Women: true friends & neighbors.

♪ Oh, may this bounteous God ♪

Through all our life be near us,

With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us in His grace and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all harm in this world and the next.

P *Man does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.* (Matthew 4:4)

C Jesus Christ is the Word of God, made flesh for us. He is the Bread of Life.

P *Give us this day our daily bread.* (Matthew 6:11)

C God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayer, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

**♪ All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, ♪
The Son, and Him Who reigns with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For this it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Concludes With The Doxology)

P Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may acknowledge Your goodness, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**♪ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! ♪
Praise Him, all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Deuteronomy 8: 1-10

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. ²And 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. ³And 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. ⁴Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷For 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, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and

pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a 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. ¹⁰And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Timothy 2:1-4

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

PSALMODY (Psalm 67)

P May God be gracious to us and bless us

C and make his face to shine upon us,

P that your way may be known on earth,

C your saving power among all nations.

P Let the peoples praise you, O God;

C let all the peoples praise you!

P Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

P Let the peoples praise you, O God;

C let all the peoples praise you!

P The earth has yielded its increase;

C God, our God, shall bless us.

P God shall bless us;

C let all the ends of the earth fear him!

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:11 -19

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

A Confession Of Faith

(Tune: # 790)

**♪ Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! ♪
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear, now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

☐ I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

**♪ Praise to the Lord, ♪
Who o’er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining.**

© He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.

♪ Praise to the Lord, ♪
Who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.

© For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

♪ Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him! ♪
All that has life and breath,
Come now with praises before - Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again,
Gladly forever adore Him!

THE SERMON

HYMN: *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

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St.1: Sing to the Lord of harvest,
Sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices
Your alleluias raise.
By Him the rolling seasons
In fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest
A joyous song of love.

St.2: God makes the clouds rain goodness,
The deserts bloom and spring,
The hills leap up in gladness,
The valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with His fullness,
All things with large increase;
He crowns the year with blessing,

With plenty and with peace.

St.3: Bring to this sacred altar
The gifts His goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest,
The souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before Him
When at His feet you fall,
And with your lives adore Him
Who gave His life for all.

THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we, Your unworthy servants, give You humble and heartfelt thanks for all the goodness and loving-kindness that You bestow on us. We praise You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life. Above all do we bless You for Your boundless love in the redemption of the world by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We thank You for the means of grace through which we enter into relationship with You by faith in Jesus Christ. We ask You to give us a right understanding of all Your mercies that our hearts may ever be deeply thankful and that we may show forth Your praise with both our lips and our lives. We give thanks to You in the midst of all circumstances as Your grace is sufficient for all our needs, especially those we bring before You . . .

(Intercessory Prayers are offered at this time)

By the power of Your Holy Spirit direct our lives in ways of holy living and righteousness all our days that we may enjoy the testimony of a good conscience, know the certainty of the hope of glory, be sustained and comforted in every time of trouble and finally be received into Your everlasting Kingdom; through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING

Facing The Future Faithfully

(Tune: # 892)

♪ Come, you thankful people come, ♪
Raise the song of harvest home.

All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, does provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.

☐ Our Father in heaven, holy be Your name, Your kingdom
come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

♪ All the world is God's own field, ♪
Fruit unto His praise to yield,
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

☐ Give us today 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 the Lord our God shall come ♪
And shall take His harvest home,
From the field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.

☐ For to You belong the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever and ever. Amen.

♪ Even so, Lord, quickly come ♪
To Your final harvest home.
Gather all Your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, in Your garner to abide,
Come, with all Your angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home!

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Is this your confession?

C Yes.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive You all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

STANDARD 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.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

P Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

THE DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“For the Fruits of His Creation”

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St. 1: For the fruits of His creation,
Thanks be to God.
For His gifts to ev’ry nation,
Thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth’s safekeeping,
Thanks be to God.

St. 2: In the just reward of labor,
God’s will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God’s will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God’s will is done.

St. 3: For the harvests of the Spirit,
Thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us,
Thanks be to God.

- St. 1: Voices raised to You we offer;
Tune them, God, for songs of praise.
Hearts and hands we bring in tribute
For Your gifts through all our days.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Triune God, to You we sing!
- St. 2: All creation joins to praise You;
Earth and sky Your works display.
Art and music, gifts You lend us,
We return to You today.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
God, Creator, source of life!
- St. 3: Christ, the song of Love incarnate,
Touching earth with heaven’s grace,
For Your living, suff’ring, dying,
For Your rising, hear our praise!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, Redeemer, Lord of life!
- St. 4: Spirit, flaming through creation,
Kindle faith within each heart.
Lift our voices high in chorus;
Through our hands Your love impart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Spirit, Helper, breath of life!
- St. 5: How can any praise we offer
Measure all the thanks we owe?
Take our hearts and hands and voices—
Gifts of love we can bestow.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Triune God, to You we sing!

NUNC DIMITTIS

☐ Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.

**My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.**

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.

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: "Now Thank We All Our God"

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St. 1: Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

St. 2: Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next!

St. 3: All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Thanksgiving
Day
Proclamation
of
George
Washington



Whereas, it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and, whereas, both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of the Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness;

Now therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of November next, to be devoted by people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country, previous to their becoming a nation, for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interposition's of His providence, in the course and on conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted; for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors, which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And, also, that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the Great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgression; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science, among them and us; and generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine. —*George Washington*