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✢ Opening Prayer ✢

℗ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
© **Amen.**

Introit *Ps. 95:1-2; 100:4-5; 147:1, 7*

℗ Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
© **Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**
℗ Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
© **Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!**
℗ Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!
© **For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.**

Hymn: WS #792 *"Let All Things Now Living"*

© ♫ ***Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving***
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

Confession & Absolution of Sins

℗ I will go to the altar of God,
© **to God, my exceeding joy.**
℗ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
© **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**
℗ Let us then confess our sins to God, our gracious Father:

C Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Creator of all things, we confess that we are indeed sinful. We have broken our fellowship with You and have turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We have not lived lives that are continuing expressions of gratitude. We do repent and are truly sorry for all of our sins. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, our Lord and the source of our salvation. Grant that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, we live faithfully and with full thankfulness until that time when we rejoice together in Your eternal presence.

P God has promised forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him for grace. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Lord keep you steadfast in the Holy Spirit, grant you a spirit of ongoing thankfulness, and finally bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

P Almighty and eternal God, we adore You as the God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and with the whole Church on earth and all the hosts of heaven we ascribe to You honor and blessing, thanksgiving and praise. Grant that we with thankful hearts receive Your great mercies and express our gratitude, not only with our lips but also in our lives as we give ourselves to Your service and walk before You in holiness and righteousness all our days. Give us faith that works in love, hope that never disappoints, kindness that never fails, confidence in You that never wavers, patience that does not grow weary, and courage always ready to confess Christ, that we live in Your mercy and die in Your peace; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

Psalmody: WS p. 41 *"While I Live"*

Phil. 4:6-7, 11-13

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. . . . 11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in

whatever situation I am to be content. 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Confession of Faith *The 1st Article of the Apostles' Creed*

P Confessing faith and expressing thanks are completely linked together. In the Small Catechism, Martin Luther underscored the theme of thankfulness in his explanation of the First Article of the Creed, which focuses on God the Creator. Together we say:

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P What does this mean? I believe that God has created me and all creatures. He has given me my body and life, eyes, ears, and all my bodily members, my mind, and all my senses and still keeps them for me.

C For all of this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him.

P 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.

C For all of this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him.

P 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.

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

Choir *"Prayer of Thanksgiving"*

Hymn: WS #793 *"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"*

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."

Forgetful Thankfulness

✢ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✢

Hymn: TLH #466:1-2, 6-7 *"One Thing's Needful"*

✢ Thanksgiving Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✢

The Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

The blessing given by God for His people.

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 His peace.

C Amen!

Hymn: TLH #36 *"Now Thank We All Our God"*

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