



THANKSGIVING EVE

November 25, 2015

PRELUDE

CALL to WORSHIP *from 2 Chronicles 20:21 & Revelation 22*

P: Give thanks to the Lord!

C: His love endures forever!

P: And he said to me, these words are trustworthy and true.

C: Behold! I am coming soon!

P: Blessed is the one who keeps the words of prophecy of this book.

C: Behold! I am coming soon!

P: Surely, God is coming soon. Give thanks to the Lord our God and King!

C: His love endures forever!

OPENING HYMN “Come, You Thankful People, Come” *[LW 495]*

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

P: Great Provider,

C: Today, of all days, I have not been grateful for what You give.

P: Great Protector,

C: Today, even today, I have been ungrateful for shelter made by Your hand.

P: Author of History, Perfector of Life,

**C: Your Word teaches, Your Spirit reminds, Your Church responds to
Your great love poured out on all the earth, even on me.**

Forgive me.

**I relentlessly forget that You are behind every good thing I have.
Through Your Word, Your Spirit and Your Church, remind me of
how You are behind everything I could ever call, “good.”**

ABSOLUTION

P: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. *[Psalm 25]*

**C: O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.**

P: Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love,

C: For they have been from of old.

P: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

**C: According to Your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!**

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 the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

PRAYER of the DAY

**All: Father, every good gift comes from You. In this worship, fill us with Your Spirit,
that our eyes would be opened to see all Your gifts,
that our ears would be opened to hear Your Good News,
that our mouths would be opened to declare Your praise,
that our hearts would be opened to overflow with Your grace,
that our hands would be opened to generously share Your blessings. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 8:1-10 [NIV84]

¹Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land that the LORD promised on oath to your forefathers. ²Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. ³He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. ⁵Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you.

⁶Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and revering him. ⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; ⁸a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; ⁹a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

¹⁰When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 12:22-30 [NIV84]

²²Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. ²³Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. ²⁴Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! ²⁵Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? ²⁶Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

²⁷“Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ²⁸If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

APOSTLES’ CREED

SERMON HYMN “Lord, to You Immortal Praise” [LW 496]

SERMON “BACK TO THE TABLE”

PRAYERS of THANKSGIVING

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

AGNUS DEI

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: God has not forgotten to feed us with eternal life. In this meal you have received all you need for a life in Christ. Give thanks to the Lord!

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Now Thank We All Our God” [LW 443]

BENEDICTION