



Sunday, October 12, 2025
Pentecost 18 - Thanksgiving

Service Theme
GENEROSITY / GRATITUDE

The gratitude we express for a gift is often influenced by two factors: our perceived deservedness and, the generosity of the giver. Let's apply this to God. Deservedness: How deserving are we of his blessing? What does God owe us? Generosity: What has God done for us? What blessings has he given us now? What blessings has he promised us in eternity? As we look to Scripture to answer those questions, we are stunned by the undeserved generosity our God has shown us. The effect? We overflow with gratitude towards Him.

624 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

CW 624



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your
 reign - ing and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you, health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear now to his
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen how all that's
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



tem - ple draw near, join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of his mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do as with his love he be - friends you.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

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The Service Morning Prayer (p.207)



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.

Has - ten to save me, O God;

O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

General Jesus Christ is Lord of all:

praise and thanks to God!

O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

CW 208

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is his, for he made it,

1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and his hand formed the dry land.

1 Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in his hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For he is our God,

1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.
2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.
3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

First Reading

Genesis 8:15–22

Noah expressed his gratitude for God's underserved generosity in preserving the lives of him and his family.

¹⁵God spoke to Noah. He said, ¹⁶“Go out of the ark—you, your wife, your sons, and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁷Bring out with you every living thing of every sort that is with you, all flesh, including birds, livestock, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may swarm over the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.”

¹⁸Noah went out with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives along with him. ¹⁹Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, and whatever swarms on the earth went out of the ship, species by species.

²⁰Noah built an altar to the LORD and took from every clean animal and every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹The LORD smelled the pleasant aroma. The LORD said in his heart, “I will never again curse the soil anymore because of man, for the thoughts he forms in his heart are evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike every living thing, as I have done. ²²While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

111A LORD, I Must Praise You

Psalm 111A



1 LORD, I must praise you when I stand in won - der at your
 2 Noth - ing but good you give to those who fear you; ev - er
 3 You sent your peo - ple long - de - sired sal - va - tion, mak - ing



might - y works and splen - dor. There is no oth - er God, no
 near those who re - vere you. To you the hun - gry come for
 us a bless - ed na - tion. You are the rock: on you our



one a - bove you, yet so close to those who love you.
 dai - ly feed - ing, and the poor for jus - tice plead - ing.
 hopes are found - ed; safe we dwell, by love sur - round - ed.



O Lord, have mer - cy! All your works de - clare your maj - es - ty
 O Lord, have mer - cy! All your deeds are hon - est and sin - cere;
 O Lord, have mer - cy! Make us wise to fol - low in your ways,



in an end - less grand dox - ol - o - gy; e - ven more would I praise
 all your vows as true as they ap - pear. Per - fect love, rar - est kind,
 and re - ceive our sac - ri - fice of praise. We are yours, yours to use



your com - pas - sion, love, and grace. O Lord, have mer - cy!
 all I need in you I find. O Lord, have mer - cy!
 for your dream as you may choose. O Lord, have mer - cy!

Prayer

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we praise you for your mighty deeds. Your power and wisdom, Father, created the awe-inspiring universe. Your compassion and mercy moved you, Jesus, to enter our flesh and rescue us from our sin. Your searching love, O Holy Spirit, penetrated our hearts and created the miracle of faith. Bless us so that we never forget your saving deeds but proclaim them to all people. Amen.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 9:10–15

Our gratitude for God's generosity to us will naturally include a willingness to be generous with others.

¹⁰And he who provides seed to the sower and bread for food will provide and multiply your seed for sowing, and will increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be made rich in every way so that you may be generous in every way, which produces thanksgiving to God through us.

¹²To be sure, the administration of this service is not only making up for what is lacking among the saints, but it is also overflowing in many prayers of thanksgiving to God.

¹³By proving yourselves in this service, many people are glorifying God, as they see the obedience shown in your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity shown in your sharing with them and all people. ¹⁴At the same time as they pray for you, they also express their longing for you, because of the extraordinary measure of God's grace given to you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 105:1



Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone

Give praise to the LORD, pro - claim his name;

make known among the nations what he has done. *Refrain*

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Gospel

Luke 17:11–19

Ten men believed that Jesus could save them from leprosy, but only one understood the undeserved generosity of Jesus. That one man threw himself at Jesus' feet in gratitude.

¹¹On another occasion, as Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, he was passing along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²When he entered a certain village, ten men with leprosy met him. Standing at a distance, ¹³they called out loudly, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

¹⁴When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” As they went away they were cleansed.

¹⁵One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He fell on his face at Jesus' feet, thanking him. And he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷Jesus responded, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give glory to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then he said to him, “Get up and go your way. Your faith has saved you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

626 My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

CW 626



1 My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who bore my
 2 My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who walks be -
 3 My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who reigns a -



pain, who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and
 side, who floods my weak - ness - es with strength and
 above, whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose



gave me life a - gain, who crushed my curse of sin - ful -
 caus - es fears to fly, whose ev - 'ry prom - ise is e -
 ev - 'ry thought is love. For ev - 'ry day I have on



ness and clothed me in his light and wrote his law of
 nough for ev - 'ry step I take, sus - tain - ing me with
 earth is giv - en by the King. So I will give my



right - eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.
 arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
 life, my all, to love and fol - low him.

* This phrase repeats at the end of st. 3.

Celebrate a Samaritan Thanksgiving

- 1) Recognize what Jesus has done for you.
- 2) Come back with true thanksgiving.

We Praise You, O God

CW 210



- 1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;
- 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heav'n - ly hosts,
- 3 The white-robed army of martyrs praise — you.



- 1 all creation worships you, Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.
- 2 heaven and earth are full — of your glo - ry.
- 3 Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



- 1 To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,
- 2 The glorious company of apostles praise — you.
- 3 Father of majesty unbounded; your glorious, true, and on - ly Son;



- 1 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end - less praise:
- 2 The noble fellowship of proph - ets praise — you.
- 3 and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide.



- 4 You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther.

5 When you became man to set us free,
6 You sit at the right hand of God

5 you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.

5 You overcame the sting of death
6 We believe that you will come

5 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.

7 Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple,

7 bought with the price of your own blood,

7 and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

Offering

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 213

Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and an - swer me.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

A Prayer for Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord who is good

God's love is everlasting.

Come, let us praise God joyfully.

Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors:

We thank you, O God.

For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying:

We thank you, O God.

For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labour; for exchanges of good humour and encouragement:

We thank you, O God.

For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets kept in love:

We thank you, O God.

For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures:

We thank you, O God.

For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies:

We thank you, O God.

For the young; for their high hopes; for their candid criticism;
for their search for freedom:

We thank you, O God.

For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by
experience; for rest in leisure; for time made precious by its
passing:

We thank you, O God.

For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our
diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger:

We thank you, O God.

For the Church into which we have been called; for the good
news we receive by Word and sacrament; for our life
together in the Lord:

We praise you, O God.

For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us
gifts of faith and love, who prays in us and prompts our
grateful worship:

We praise you, O God.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Above all, O God, for your Son, Jesus Christ, who lived and
died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him;
and for the joy of serving him:

**We thank and praise you, eternal God, for all your
goodness to us.**

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

God's love is everlasting.

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of faith of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.



The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



A - men.

597 Now Thank We All Our God

CW 597



- 1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
- 2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
- 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
with ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en,



who from our moth - ers' arms has blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace and guide us when per - plexed
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count - less 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 ev - er - more.

Announcements

Church Cleaners

October 19 - John / October 26 - Simon

DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

- Su (12) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**
10:30 am Thanksgiving Worship
11:45 am *Coffee Hour*
- We (15) 9:30 am Communicating Christ (Adult)
5:15 pm Youth Confirmation (W)
7:00 pm New Communicating Christ (Adult)
- Fr (17) 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- Su (19) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**
10:30 am Worship with Communion
11:45 am *Evangelism Meeting*
3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore
4:00 pm Bible Study in Poltimore

Pastor will be at a Conference from October 20-22

- Fr (24) 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study
6:00 pm Friday Fellowship
- Su (26) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**
10:30 am Thanksgiving Worship
11:45 am *Anniversary/Reformation Potluck*

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Morning Prayer from Christian Worship

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