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Thanksgiving Eve
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P: People of God, let us worship the Lord:
C: He is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

TLH 574: COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME

1.Come, ye thankful people, come;
Raise the song of Harvest-home.
All be safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied,
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of Harvest-home.

2. 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.

3. For the Lord, our God, shall come
And shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day
All offences 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.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come
To Thy final Harvest-home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide.
Come with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious Harvest-home.

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P: As we prepare for a day of thanksgiving and praise, let us reflect upon our many sins and confess them before our God and Lord, asking Him to forgive us for the sake of Jesus, His Son.

O Lord, *the eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due season. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing* (Psalm 145:15-16). We come before You to confess our sins, including our ingratitude and lack of appreciation for all the blessings You have given us.

C: We confess to You, O Lord, that we have not given You thanks for all Your generous blessings; nor have we shown gratitude or appreciation, but too often we have grumbled and complained. For these sins and all our other wicked thoughts, words, and actions, we do deserve to be punished. But we appeal to Your never-failing mercy and ask You to forgive us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

LSB 788. *Forgive Us, Lord,* … (3, 4, 2)

3. Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise,
For words that speak at variance with deeds;
Forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways
Unmindful of a broken brother's needs:

4. Teach us, O Lord, true thankfulness divine,
That gives as Christ gave, never counting cost,
That knows no barrier of "yours" and "mine,"
Assured that only what's withheld is lost.

2. Teach us to thank You, Lord, for love and grace,
For life and vision, for a purpose clear,
For Christ Your Son, and for each human face
That shows your message ever new and near.

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P: The Lord, our gracious Father has forgiven all our sins through the suffering and death of His only Son, Jesus; and with His resurrection from the dead has given us the hope of everlasting life. God has declared, *the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.* He also assures us: *you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.* Therefore, give thanks to God for our salvation!

TLH 30: OH, THAT I HAD A THOUSAND VOICES (1, 5)

Oh that I had a thousand voices
To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be,
What great things God hath done for me.

Lord, I will tell, while I am living,
Thy goodness forth with every breath
And greet each morning with thanksgiving
Until my heart is still in death;
Yea, when at last my lips grow cold,
Thy praise shall in my sighs be told.

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P: Almighty Lord God, Your generous goodness comes to us new every day in great abundance. By the work of Your Holy Spirit lead us to acknowledge Your gracious goodness to us; to give You thanks for all that You do for us; and to serve with thanksgiving in willing obedience. We offer thanks for the abundant blessings you have poured out upon our country. May our thanksgiving grow into thanks-living as we show our gratitude and appreciation for all that You have done; in Jesus' name we pray this.
C: Amen.

Psalm 146 (*WS* p. 41)
Antiphon – I will praise Your name forever, my King and my God.

While I live I will | praise the Lord;*
I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.
Do not put your trust in princes, nor in a | son of man,*
In whom there | is no help.
His spirit departs, he returns | to his earth;*
In that very day his plans | perish.
Antiphon – I will praise Your name forever, my King and my God.
Happy is he who has the God of Jacob | for his help,*
Whose hope is in the | Lord his God,
Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that | is in them;*
Who keeps truth for- | ever,
Who executes justice for | the oppressed,*
Who gives food to the hungry,
The Lord gives freedom to the | prisoners.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Antiphon – I will praise Your name forever, my King and my God.

We Thank Our God…

1. For Life and Daily Bread (Deuteronomy 8:10-18)

And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. 11 “Take care lest you forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, 12 lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, 13 and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, 14 then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, 15 who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, 16 who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. 17 Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’ 18 You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

TLH 572: PRAISE TO GOD, IMMORTAL PRAISE

Praise to God, immortal praise,
For the love that crowns our days;
Bounteous Source of every joy,
Let Thy praise our tongues employ,
All to Thee, our God, we owe,
Source whence all our blessings flow

All the plenty summer pours;
Autumn's rich, o'erflowing stores;
Flocks that whiten all the plain;
Yellow sheaves of ripened grain, --

Lord, for these our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

Peace, prosperity, and health,
Private bliss, and public wealth,
Knowledge with its gladdening streams,
True religion's holier beams,
Lord, for these our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

As Thy prospering hand hath blest,
May we give Thee all our best
And by deeds of kindly love
For Thy mercies grateful prove,
Singing thus through all our days
Praise to God, immortal praise.

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2. For Christian Homes and Education (Lk 2:41-52)

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. [42] And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. [43] And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, [44] but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, [45] and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. [46] After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. [47] And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. [48] And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” [49] And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” [50] And they did not understand the saying that

he spoke to them. [51] And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. [52] And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

(Ephesians 6:4)

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

TLH 625: OH, BLEST THE HOUSE WHATE'ER BEFALL

Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall,
Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
Yea, if He were not dwelling there,
How dark and poor and void it were!

Oh, blest that house where faith ye find
And all within have set their mind
To trust their God and serve Him still
And do in all His holy will!

Oh, blest the parents who give heed
Unto their children's foremost need
And weary not of care or cost!
May none to them and heaven be lost!

Blest such a house, it prospers well,
In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children's lot is shown
How richly God can bless His own.

Then here will I and mine today
A solemn covenant make and say:
Though all the world forsake Thy Word,
I and my house will serve the Lord!

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3. For our Church (and Synod) (1 Cor. 1:18-31)

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to
us who are being saved it is the power of God. [19] For it is written, “I
will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the
discerning I will thwart.” [20] Where is the one who is wise? Where is
the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made
foolish the wisdom of the world? [21] For since, in the wisdom of God,
the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God
through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. [22]
For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, [23] but we preach
Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, [24]
but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the
power of God and the wisdom of God. [25] For the foolishness of God
is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.
[26] For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise
according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many
were of noble birth. [27] But God chose what is foolish in the world to
shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the
strong; [28] God chose what is low and despised in the world, even
things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, [29] so that no
human being might boast in the presence of God. [30] And because of
him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God,
righteousness and sanctification and redemption, [31] so that, as it is
written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

TLH 473: THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION (1-4)

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

The Church shall never perish!
Her dear Lord, to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish,
Is with her to the end.
Though there be those that hate her.
False sons within her pale,
Against both foe and traitor
She ever shall prevail.

Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

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4. For our Country (Romans 13:1-7)

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. [2] Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. [3] For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you

have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, [4] for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. [5] Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. [6] For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. [7] Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

TLH 581: ALL YE WHO ON THIS EARTH … (1-2, 6-7)

All ye who on this earth do dwell,
Give thanks and glorify
The Lord whose praises ever swell
In seraph songs on high.

Lift up your hearts in praise to God,
Himself best Gift of all,
Who works His wonders all abroad,
Upholding great and small.

May He adorn with precious peace
Our own, our native, land
And crown with joys that never cease
The labors of our hand.

Long as we tarry here below
Our saving Health is He;
And when from earth to heaven we go,
May He our portion be!

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5. For our Home in Heaven (John 14:1-6)

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.
2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I
have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and
prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to
myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way
to where I am going.” 5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know
where you are going. How can we know the way?” 6 Jesus said to
him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the
Father except through me.

(Revelation 21:1-4)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and
the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I
saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from
God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a
loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of
God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his
people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will
wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more,
neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for
the former things have passed away.”

WS 777. Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me;
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

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The Confession of Faith (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 life, 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.

Offering

P: We give you our thanks and praise, O gracious God, for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself into death that we might have life with you forever.

TLH 97: LET US ALL WITH GLADSOME VOICE (1, 2)

Let us all with gladsome voice
Praise the God of heaven,
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice,
His own Son hath given.

To this vale of tears He comes,
Here to serve in sadness,
That with Him in heaven's fair homes
We may reign in gladness.

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P: We give you our thanks and praise, O gracious Lord, for the gift of your Word, through which we have found peace, comfort, conviction, assurance and hope.

TLH 283: GOD'S WORD IS OUR GREAT HERITAGE

God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way,
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure.
Throughout all generations.

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P: We give you our thanks and praise, O gracious God, for the priceless gift of faith by which we have been made your children and heirs of your kingdom.

TLH 377: SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME (1, 10)

Salvation unto us has come
By God's free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom,
They help and save us never.

Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
Who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer.

All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God that saved us by His grace,-
All glory to His merit!
O Triune God in heaven above,
Who hast revealed Thy saving love,
Thy blessed name be hallowed.

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P: We give you thanks and praise, O gracious Lord, for the gift of life and health and the abundance of our earthly blessings.

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.

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P: We give you our thanks and praise, O gracious God, for the richness and healing of your comfort when our hearts are heavy and the cross overwhelms us.

TLH 457: WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS (1)

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

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P: We give you our thanks and praise, O gracious Lord, for the victory you have given our fellow pilgrims and our own loved ones who now live with you in glory.

TLH 463: FOR ALL THE SAINTS (1, 7)

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confess,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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P: We give you our thanks and praise, O gracious God, for the growth of your Kingdom in all the earth; to the glory of your name and the salvation of precious souls.

TLH 511: JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE'ER … (1, 6)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.

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P: For all these and countless other blessings to body and souls which are new to us every morning, we unite our hearts and voices in songs of praise and thanks.

WS 748. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (5)

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!

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All: 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.

Blessing

TLH 36: NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

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.

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 heaven adore!
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

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Silent Prayer