

# Thanksgiving 2019

**Theme: Give thanks for all God's blessings.**

**OPENING HYMN:** 612 *"Praise to God, Immortal Praise"*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**M:** Sing a new song to the Lord.

**C:** For He has done marvelous things.

**M:** From Your high pavilion, You water the hills.

**C:** The earth is satisfied by the fruit of Your work.

**M:** How many are Your works, O Lord!

**C:** In wisdom You have made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.

**M:** These all look to You to give them their food at the proper time.

**C:** When You open Your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen (spoken).**

**FIRST LESSON:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name and say to the priest in office at the time, "I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our forefathers to give us."

The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God. Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, putting us to hard labor. Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression.

So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with miraculous signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, O LORD, have given me." Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him. And you and the Levites and the aliens among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

**PSALM:** 145 p.119 (spoken responsively/sing the refrains)



MAY GRACE AND PEACE  
BE YOURS IN ABUNDANCE.

I PETER 1:2, NRSV

**M:** For those who have gone before us, Lord, we thank you. We remember the faithful confessors of ages past as well as the dedicated men and women of recent past who passed down to us your Word of Truth. May their good works prompted by their love for Christ and performed to your glory while here on earth encourage us to live for you. Lord grant, like them before, we keep your teachings pure. . .

**C:** Throughout all generations.

Christian Worship 551:1

**For all the saints who from their labors rest, All who their faith before the world confessed, Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**M:** For our parents, Lord, we thank you. Give fathers loving hearts and sound judgment to exercise godly family leadership, and bless mothers with calm strength and patient wisdom. Help them to bring up their children in the training and instruction of the Lord so that, when they are old, they will not depart from it. Lord grant, while worlds endure, they keep your teachings pure. . .

**C:** Throughout all generations.

Christian Worship 506:3 & 4

**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 heav'n be lost!  
Blest such a house; it prospers well. In peace and joy the parents dwell,  
And in their children's lives is shown, How richly God can bless his own.**

**M:** For our children, Lord, we thank you. Keep them strong, firm and steadfast in an uncertain and confusing world. Send your holy angels to protect and defend them, and give them grace to grow in the knowledge of your Word and to follow the example of our Savior. Lord grant, while worlds endure, they keep your teachings pure. . .

**C:** Throughout all generations.

Christian Worship 449:1

**Children of the heav'nly Father, Safely in his bosom gather;  
Nestling bird or star in heaven, Such a refuge ne'er was given.**

**M:** For our called workers, Lord, we thank you. Enable them, by the power of the Spirit, to stand firm in the midst of the trials and stresses of this world. Give them courage to preach and teach your Word faithfully and the grace to reflect your love in their actions. Lord grant, while worlds endure, they keep your teachings pure. . .

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Christian Worship 542:1

**Dear Lord, to your true servants give, the grace to you alone to live.  
Set free from sin to serve you, Lord, they go to share your living Word,  
The gospel message to proclaim, hat all may know your saving name**

**M:** Finally, Lord, for our synod we thank you. You have joined us to a family of believers who walk together in faith, love, and service. Keep our congregations faithful to your Word, and make them eager to do your work. Give to each of us the vision which sees beyond the boundaries of our own congregation and a willingness to support the worldwide mission of your Church; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray:



## SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written:

“He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

**CHOIR:** “*By God’s Hand*”

## THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests. And as they went, they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him — and he was a Samaritan.

Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

**SERMON HYMN:** 610 “*Now Thank We All Our God*”

**SERMON TEXT:** Habakkuk 3:17-18

**SERMON THEME:** Count Your Blessings!

**THE CREED:** (Hymn Tune 169)

~ *Sing:*

1. All our wants and needs supplying, God the Father’s voice was heard.  
Dark and chaos nullifying by his strong creative Word.  
Still his gracious hand provides us ev’rything we want or need,  
From all harm and danger hides us — strong and merciful, indeed!
2. All our wants and needs supplying, Christ, the Son of God, drew nigh,  
For us sinners suffering, dying, rising to his throne on high.  
There the virgin-born, in splendor, lives and reigns, all things to fill;  
Sin and death must now surrender to his all-pervading will.



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Christ's abundant grace applying in the Word and Sacrament.  
Faithful saints, our Lord confessing, by God's grace at last shall stand,  
In the place of endless blessing, giv'n by his providing hand.



### OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

OFFERING HYMN: 609 *"We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer" v.1*

#### A HYMN-SING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**M:** In peace let us pray to the Lord, praising him for his marvelous deeds both in word and in song.  
For grace alone, Lord, we thank you. In unfathomable love you pitied us sinners and sent your Son as our substitute to deliver us from sin, death, darkness, and despair. There is nothing we must do in order to save ourselves; with Christ's death and resurrection you have already paid for our salvation in full. Lord grant, while worlds endure, we keep your teachings pure. . .

**C:** **Throughout all generations.**

Christian Worship 379:1

**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.**

**M:** For faith alone, Lord, we thank you. You sent your Holy Spirit to call us to repentance and lead us to Christ. Through Word and Sacrament, your powerful gospel has rescued us from rebellion to rely solely on your complete and full forgiveness. Lord grant, while worlds endure, we keep your teachings pure. . .

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**My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.  
Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away; Oh, let me from this day, Be wholly Thine!**

**M:** For Scripture alone, Lord, we thank you. You have made us heirs of your eternal Word and trustees of the inspired Scriptures, through which you proclaim your saving truth to all people. By the Scriptures you overthrew the darkness of those who perverted your teachings and restored to your Church the message of salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. Lord grant, while worlds endure, we keep your teachings pure. . .

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Christian Worship 279:1

**O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky,  
We praise you for the radiance, that from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.**

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: 260 *"Let All Things Now Living"*

**SPECIAL THANKS:** I would like to thank the members who beautified our service through hymns of praise. I also thank my Lord and Savior for the goodness he has shown me and my children during my ministry at Immanuel. May you all have a blessed Thanksgiving!

