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GLORY TO OUR BOUNTEOUS KING

Ringing of the Bells

Call to Worship "Proclamation" arr. Kevin McChesney
Celebration Handbell Choir, Kristy Fogelsinger, Director

LSB 785 We Praise You, O God

1 We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

2 We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

3 With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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† Service of Light †

L Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
C **the light no darkness can overcome.**

L Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
C **and the day is almost over.**

L Let Your light scatter the darkness
C **and illumine Your Church.**

Phos Hilaron *LSB 244*

L Joyous light of glory:

C **of the immortal Father;**
heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.
We have come to the setting of the sun,
and we look to the evening light.
We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
You are worthy of being praised
with pure voices forever.
O Son of God, O Giver of life:
the universe proclaims Your glory.

Thanksgiving for Light *LSB 245*

L Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Psalmody

Psalm 141 *(Sung responsively)* *LSB 245*

C **Let my prayer rise before You as incense,**
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

I O Lord, I call to You; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to You.

C **Let my prayer rise before You as incense,**
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

II Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips.

I Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.

II But my eyes are turned to You, O God;
in You I take refuge.
Strip me not of my life.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

L Let us pray.
Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.
C **Amen.**

Readings

First Reading *Deuteronomy 8:1–10*

L A reading from Deuteronomy, chapter 8.

1 "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."

L O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music "America, Give Thanks", arr. Valerie W. Stephenson
Celebration Handbell Choir

Second Reading *1 Timothy 2:1–4*

L A reading from 1 Timothy, chapter 2.

1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be
made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a
peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing

in the sight of God our Savior, [4]who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel *Luke 17:11–19*

L A reading from Luke, chapter 17.

[11]On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] 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."

L O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

L In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

Special Music "A Hymn for Thanksgiving", David H. Williams, Adult Choir

Sermon

Canticle

LSB 933 My Soul Rejoices

1 My soul rejoices,
My spirit voices—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
For God my Savior
Has shown me favor—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
With praise and blessing,
Join in confessing
God, who is solely
Mighty and holy—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

His mercy surely
Shall rest securely
On all who fear Him,
Love and revere Him—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

2 His arm now baring,
His strength declaring—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
The proud He scatters,
Their rule He shatters—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
Oppression halted;
The meek exalted.
Full are the hungry;
Empty, the wealthy—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
Here is the token
All that was spoken
To Abr'ham's offspring
God is fulfilling—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

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Offering

Special Music "Harvest Song", W.C. Dix and Katherine Davis, Adult Choir

Prayer

Litany *(Sung responsively)* *LSB 249*

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For *[names of synodical and district presidents]*, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For *[name of president or monarch]*, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

The prayers then continue:

L For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:
C **Alleluia.**

L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

L Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:
C **To You, O Lord.**

Collect for Peace

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer *LSB 251*

L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **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.

Benedicamus *LSB 252*

L Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction *LSB 252*

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C **Amen.**

LSB 895 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

2 Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessèd 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!

Δ 3 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 heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

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By the President of the United States
October 3, 1863
A Proclamation

The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature that they cannot fail to penetrate
and even soften the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God...

No human counsel hath devised, nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy...

And I recommend to them that, while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners, or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation, and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility, and union.

Serving Our Congregation Today

Pastor: *Rev. Chris Garcia* **Organist:** *Sarah Geikas*
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