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As We Gather

A Day of National Thanksgiving is an honored tradition in this nation. But thankfulness to God is something that transcends national borders and the boundaries of time. God's people are always thankful people, for they know what great things He has done and continues to do for them. In Martin Luther's explanation of the First Article of the Creed, he states that in response to God's great gifts, it is the Christian's "duty to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him." Our worship is one way through which we carry out that joyful duty.

[Today's hymns are printed on pages 10-15 of the bulletin.]

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn TLH 44 – Ye Lands, to the Lord Make a Jubilant Noise

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Opening Sentences Psalm 145:3-5; 103:10; 118:14, 16

- P** Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.
- C** **One generation shall commend your works to another.**
- P** On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- C** **Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised.**
- P** Our God is a God who cares.
- C** **He does not deal with us according to our sins.**
- P** The LORD our God is merciful and forgiving.
- C** **The LORD is my strength and my song.**
- P** The right hand of the LORD exalts.
- C** **The right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"**

Confession and Absolution Psalm 51:1-4, 9-10

- P** As we begin this time of thanksgiving and praise, let us reflect upon our many sins, confess them to our loving Father in heaven, and ask Him to forgive us for the sake of Jesus our Lord.

P O holy and most merciful Father, we confess that our sinful nature has made us unfit to be called Your children. What is more, we have broken Your law repeatedly in our thoughts, words, and actions, doing the evil You forbid and failing to do the good You command. In no way do we deserve to stand before You. We are guilty and deserve only to be condemned, but we appeal to Your never failing mercy and ask You to forgive us for Jesus' sake.

C **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

P The Lord, our gracious Father, has forgiven all our sins through the death of His one and only Son and with His resurrection from death has made us His children and given us the assurance of everlasting life. Though our sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.

C **Amen.**



✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Hymn of Praise

TLH 27 (1-3, 6) – Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul! Let
Oh, bless the Lord, my soul, Nor
'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis
His won - drous works and ways He
all with - in me join And aid my tongue to
let His mer - cies lie For - got - ten in un -
He re - lieves thy pain; 'Tis He that heals thy
made by Mo - ses known, But sent the world His
bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!
sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.
truth and grace by His be - lov - ed Son.

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray...
... through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 7:18-22

¹⁸ Then King David went in and sat before the LORD and said, “Who am I, O Lord GOD, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far?
¹⁹ And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O Lord GOD. You have spoken also of your servant’s house for a great while to come, and this is instruction for mankind, O Lord GOD! ²⁰ And what more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Lord GOD! ²¹ Because of your promise,

and according to your own heart, you have brought about all this greatness, to make your servant know it. ²² Therefore you are great, O LORD God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 100

- P** Make a joyful noise to the LORD,
- C** **all the earth!**
- P** Serve the LORD with gladness!
- C** **Come into his presence with singing!**
- P** Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;
- C** **we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**
- P** Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
- C** **Give thanks to him; bless his name!**
- P** For the LORD is good;
- C** **his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:4-9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.



Alleluia

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are
writ - ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

Confession of Faith

Explanation of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed from Luther's Small Catechism

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

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.

Hymn

TLH 34 – My Soul, Now Bless thy Maker

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. ³⁷ And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸ and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner."
⁴⁰ And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher." ⁴¹ "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly."
⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." ⁴⁸ And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹ Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?"
⁵⁰ And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."



A Savior Who Lacks No Love

Offertory



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir-it from me. Re store to me the joy of Your sal -
va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn TLH 568 – We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator

Offering Hymn

WS 788 (1)

Lord, You love the cheerful giver
Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river
That refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving
With a spirit large and true
That our life and all our living
We may consecrate to You.

General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Hymn

WS 792 – Let All Things Now Living

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TLH 44 – Ye Lands, to the Lord Make a Jubilant Noise

Ps. 100

11. 5. 11. 9.

Al Verden nu raabe for Herren med Fryd

Ulrik V. Koren, 1874

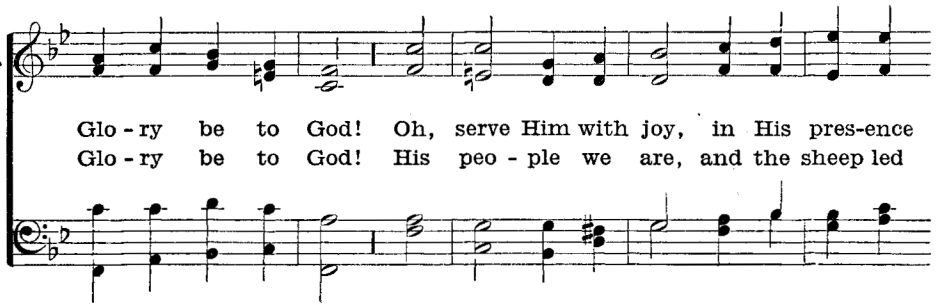
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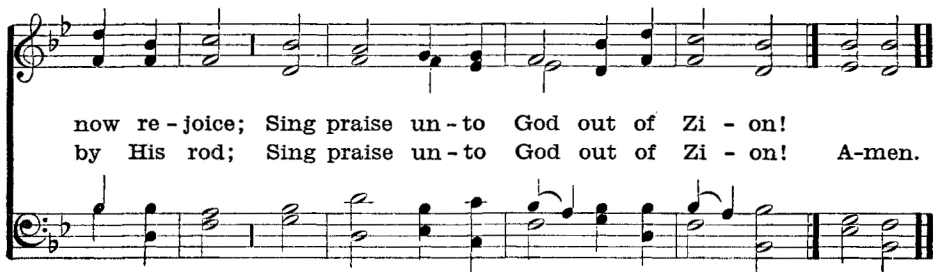
Erik Hoff, c. 1860



1 Ye lands, to the Lord make a ju - bi - lant noise;
2 Not we, but the Lord is our Mak - er, our God;



Glo - ry be to God! Oh, serve Him with joy, in His pres-ence
Glo - ry be to God! His peo - ple we are, and the sheep led



now re - joice; Sing praise un - to God out of Zi - on!
by His rod; Sing praise un - to God out of Zi - on! A-men.

3 Oh, enter His gates with thanksgiving and praise;
Glory be to God!
To bless Him and thank Him our voices we will raise;
Sing praise unto God out of Zion!

4 For good is the Lord, and His mercy is sure;
Glory be to God!
To all generations His truth shall still endure;
Sing praise unto God out of Zion!

TLH 568 – We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator

Ps. 26: 12

12. 11. 12. 11.

Wilt heden nu treden

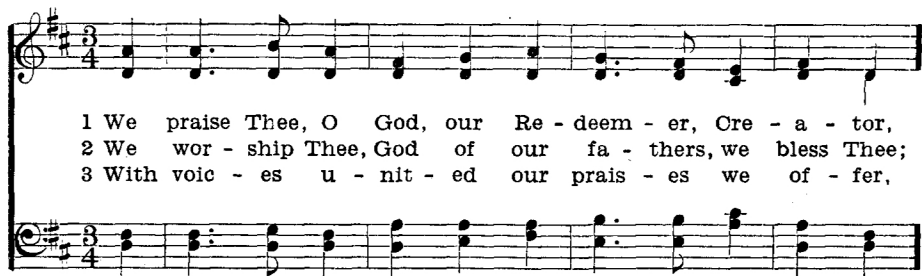
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"Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck"

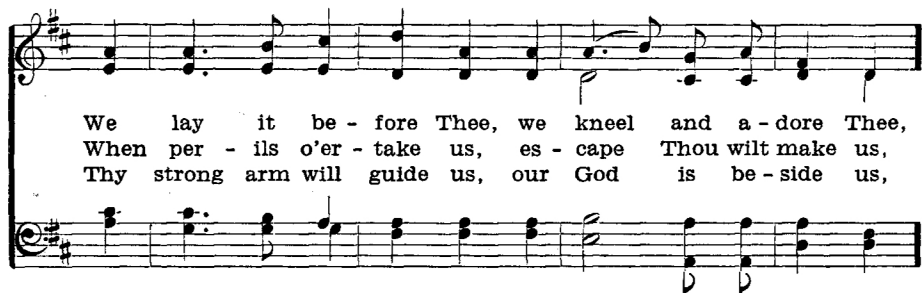
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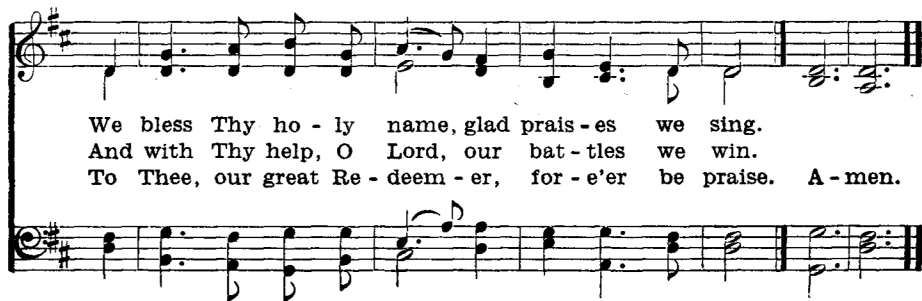
1 We praise Thee, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor,
2 We wor - ship Thee, God of our fa - thers, we bless Thee;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer,



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring;
Thro' life's storm and tem - pest our Guide hast Thou been;
To Thee, great Je - ho - vah, glad an - them's we raise.



We lay it be - fore Thee, we kneel and a - dore Thee,
When per - ils o'er - take us, es - cape Thou wilt make us,
Thy strong arm will guide us, our God is be - side us,



We bless Thy ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
And with Thy help, O Lord, our bat - tles we win.
To Thee, our great Re - deem - er, for - e'er be praise. A - men.

TLH 34 – My Soul, Now Bless thy Maker

Ps. 103

7. 8. 7. 8. 7. 6. 7. 6. 7. 6.

Nun lob, mein' Seel', den Herren


Johann Gramann, 1585

Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

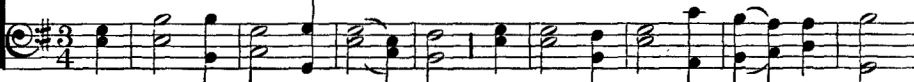

Nun lob, mein' Seel'

"Concentus Novi"



Augsburg, 1540




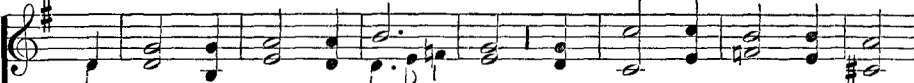
1 My soul, now bless thy Mak - er! Let all with - in me bless His name
 2 He shows to man His treas - ure Of judgment, truth, and righteousness,
 3 For as a ten - der fa - ther Hath pit - y on his chil - dren here,
 4 God's grace a - lone en - dur - eth, And children's children yet shall prove


Who mak - eth thee par - tak - er Of mercies more than thou dar'st claim.
 His love be - yond all meas - ure, His yearn - ing pit - y o'er dis - tress,
 He in His arms will gath - er All who are His in child - like fear.
 How He with strength as - sur - eth The hearts of all that seek His love.

For - get Him not whose meek - ness Still bears with all thy sin,
 Nor treats us as we mer - it, But lays His an - ger by.
 He knows how frail our pow - ers Who but from dust are made;
 In heav'n is fixed His dwell - ing, His rule is o - ver all;

Who heal - eth all thy weak - ness, Re - news thy life with - in;
 The hum - ble, con - trite spir - it Finds His com - pas - sion nigh;
 We flour - ish like the flow - ers, And e - ven so we fade;
 An - gels, in might ex - cel - ling, Bright hosts, be - fore Him fall.

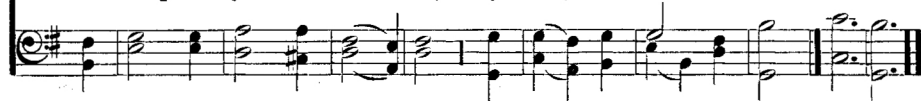




Whose grace and care are end - less And saved thee thro' the past;
And high as heav'n a - bove us, As break from close of day,
The wind but o'er them pass - es, And all their bloom is o'er, -
Praise Him who ev - er reign - eth, All ye who hear His Word,



Who leaves no suf - f'rer friend-less, But rights the wronged at last.
So far, since He doth love us, He puts our sins a - way.
We with - er like the grass - es, Our place knows us no more.
Nor our poor hymns dis-dain-eth, - My soul, O bless the Lord! A-men.



WS 792 – Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks - giv - ing

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff contains a vocal melody with lyrics: "Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks - giv - ing". The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

To God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has lyrics: "To God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,". The bass staff continues with harmonic support.

Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has lyrics: "Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,". The bass staff continues with harmonic support.

Who still guides us on to the end of our days.

The fourth and final system of the page continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has lyrics: "Who still guides us on to the end of our days." The bass staff concludes with harmonic support.

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Tune: Welsh folk tune

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THE ASH GROVE

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God's ban - ners are o'er us; His light goes be - fore us,

A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,

Till shad - ows have van - ished And dark - ness is ban - ished,

As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.

