

## His Steadfast Love Endures Forever Thanksgiving Service

“Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.” Psalm 106:1

### Opening Hymn

#### 892 Come, Ye Thankful People Come



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.  
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un-to His praise to yield;  
3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har-vest home,  
4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come To Thy fi-nal har-vest home;



All be safe-ly gath-ered in Ere the win-ter storms be-gin;  
Wheat and tares to-geth-er sown, Un-to joy or sor-row grown.  
From His field shall in that day All of-fens-es purge a-way,  
Gath-er Thou Thy peo-ple in, Free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide For our wants to be sup-plied.  
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap-pear.  
Give His an-gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,  
There, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, In Thy gar-ner to a-bide:



Come to God's own tem-ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.  
Lord of har-vest, grant that we Whole-some grain and pure may be.  
But the fruit-ful ears to store In His gar-ner ev-er-more.  
Come with all Thine an-gels, come, Raise the glo-rious har-vest home.

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### Invocation

P In the name of the Father,  
C **who created us in love.**

P In the name of the Son,  
C **who forgave us in love.**

P In the name of the Spirit,  
C **who sanctifies us in love. Amen.**

### Confession and Absolution

P O God, we give you thanks for Your love to us, which is steadfast through every age. But we have been far from steadfast in our love for you.

*(Please observe a time of silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination)*

- C We confess that we have not loved You above all things. We have not loved others as You have loved us. We have been less than faithful toward you, and we have broken bonds with people who have wronged us instead of forgiving them. We have taken your mercy for granted and continued in our ways of sin instead of Your love. We have turned away from Your goodness and trusted in ourselves instead. Forgive us, embrace us, and direct us for the sake of Your Son to live in Your grace and favor always.**
- P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake even now God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.**

### Introit

*Psalm 107:1–9*

**P:** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
**C:** for his steadfast love endures forever!

**P:** Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
**C:** whom he has redeemed from trouble

**P:** and gathered in from the lands,  
**C:** from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

**P:** Some wandered in desert wastes,  
finding no way to a city to dwell in;  
**C:** hungry and thirsty,  
their soul fainted within them.

**P:** Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.  
**C:** He led them by a straight way  
till they reached a city to dwell in.

**P:** Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
**C:** for his wondrous works to the children of men!

**P:** For he satisfies the longing soul,  
**C:** and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

**All: 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, world without end. Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise

### 895 Now Thank We All Our God



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 blest 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.

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 233

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And with your spirit.**

**P:** Let us pray:

Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament

Exodus 15:1–13

<sup>1</sup>Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,

“I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation;  
this is my God, and I will praise him,  
my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

<sup>3</sup>The LORD is a man of war;  
the LORD is his name.

<sup>4</sup>“Pharaoh’s chariots and his host he cast into the sea,

and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

<sup>5</sup>The floods covered them;

they went down into the depths like a stone.

<sup>6</sup>Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,  
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

<sup>7</sup>In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries;  
you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.

<sup>8</sup>At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;  
the floods stood up in a heap;  
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

<sup>9</sup>The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake,  
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.  
I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.'

<sup>10</sup>You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;  
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

<sup>11</sup>'Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?  
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,  
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?'

<sup>12</sup>You stretched out your right hand;  
the earth swallowed them.

<sup>13</sup>'You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;  
you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.'

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

## Epistle

*Ephesians 1:3–23*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup>having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

P This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God!**

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## Gospel

Mark 6:30–43

<sup>30</sup>The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup>And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. <sup>36</sup>Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” <sup>37</sup>But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” <sup>39</sup>Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup>So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. <sup>41</sup>And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. <sup>43</sup>And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish.

P This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Praise be to You, O Christ!**

## Hymn of The Day

### 893 Sing to the Lord of Harvest



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, Sing songs of love and praise;  
2 God makes the clouds rain good - ness, The des - erts bloom and spring,  
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar The gifts His good - ness gave,



With joy - ful hearts and voic - es Your al - le - lu - ias raise.  
The hills leap up in glad - ness, The val - leys laugh and sing.  
The gold - en sheaves of har - vest, The souls Christ died to save.



By Him the roll - ing sea - sons In fruit - ful or - der move;  
God fills them with His full - ness, All things with large in - crease;  
Your hearts lay down be - fore Him When at His feet you fall,



Sing to the Lord of har - vest A joy - ous song of love.  
He crowns the year with bless - ing, With plen - ty and with peace.  
And with your lives a - dore Him Who gave His life for all.

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Tune: Johann Steurlein, 1546–1613  
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## Sermon

## Offering

### 785 We Praise You, O God



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



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.  
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,  
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.  
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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## Prayers

Prayer Response:

P ....O God of all goodness,

C **Your steadfast love endures forever.**

## Lord's Prayer

### Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you in His love. The Lord make His face shine upon you with His love. The Lor be gracious unto you through His love and give you His peace.is is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**  
**For The Beauty of the Earth (Tune 397)**

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies.  
Christ, our Lord, to You we raise, this, our hymn of grateful praise.
2. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,  
Christ, our Lord, to You we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.
3. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Christ, our Lord, to You we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.
4. For Yourself, Lord, gift divine, to the world so freely giv'n,  
Agent of God's grand design, peace on earth and joy in heav'n.  
Christ, our Lord to You we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

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