



O GIVE THANKS  
UNTO THE LORD.  
FOR HE IS GOOD.

**November 23, 2023**

Church office hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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# **“He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him.”**

## **Luke 17:16a**

### **Thanksgiving Day**

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**Ten o’clock**

**November 23, 2023**

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Prelude: “Come, You Thankful People Come” [#473]

Mark A. Radice; Martha Sobaje

Welcome and Announcements

Spoken Call to Worship: Psalm 100

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Thanksgiving Prayer:

**All: Lord our God,  
love began with you  
and has filled our cup to overflowing.  
In the abundance of your countless gifts  
give us your grace to fill others’ lives with love.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.**

Choral Call to Worship: “Praise Ye the Lord, Hallelujah” [#563]

Text and Music: J. Jefferson Cleveland

\* Opening Hymns: “Come, You Thankful People, Come”

**#473:1,2**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

**#543:1,2**

\* God’s Greeting

Thanksgiving Litany and Prayer

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord,

our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer.

Let us remember his mercy, for he is gracious and compassionate.

**All: We thank you, Lord, for calling us to faith in Christ,  
for putting your Spirit within us,  
for giving us the mind of Christ,  
for gathering us into your church.**

We thank you, Lord, for extending your grace to us,

for calling us to a life of gratitude,

for calling us to service in your kingdom.

**Thanks be to God!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord,  
for he satisfies the thirsty, he fills the hungry with good things,  
and he heals the afflicted. Let us celebrate his abundant goodness.

**We thank you, gracious Father,  
that you provide for all our needs,  
for the food on our tables,  
for the clothes on our bodies,  
for the beds we sleep in,  
and for the dwellings that shelter us.**

We praise you for all your gifts that go beyond our basic needs,  
for the things that make our work easier,  
for the conveniences of modern life,  
for the beauty and pleasure that you bring into our lives.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Hymn: "For the Fruit of All Creation"

**#396:1-3**

(Children may come forward during the last verse.)

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

Message for Children

Blessing for Children

Leader: People of God, what is your prayer for these children?

**All: The Lord be with you.**

Children: And also with you.

**All: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

Anthem: "For the Beauty of the Earth" [#19]

arr. Katherine K. Davis

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

\* Hymn of Preparation: "We Praise You, O God"

**#560:1-3**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 17:11-19

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **REAL GRATITUDE**

Prayer of Application

## WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

Offertory Prayer for Family Assistance: Mark Sytsma and Kim Wierenga

\* Offertory Hymn: “Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

**#398:1-3**

*During the singing of this hymn, you are invited to bring your offerings to the front of the Sanctuary. You may place money for Family Assistance or envelopes for other funds in the offering plates, and you may place canned food for Baxter Community Center in front of the pulpit. We express our thanksgiving through our gifts.*

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: “Now Thank We All Our God”

**#543:3**

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven—  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. Amen.**

\* Postlude: “Now Thank We All Our God” [#543]

J. S. Bach

Liturgist: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys  
Preacher: Rev. Brad Zwiers  
Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos  
Ministry of Music: The Sanctuary Choir  
Accompanist: Lisa Meyer  
Scripture Reader: Karl Van Harn