



Bless
The Lord,
MY SOUL, &
Forget Not
HIS
Benefits

PSALM 103:2

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Choir

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Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Hymn

CW93 (RED) 234 PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

**1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!**

O my soul, praise him,
for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

**2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
is wondrously reigning**

And, as on wings of an eagle,
uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

**3. Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully,
wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and,
when heedlessly falling,
has stayed you.**

What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of his mercy did shade you.

**4. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper
your work and defend you;**

Surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
As with his love he befriends you.

5. Praise to the Lord!

Oh, let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before him!

Let the Amen Sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him!

Thanksgiving

(adapted from Psalms 95, 65, 92, 148)

M: Let us come before the LORD with Thanksgiving,

C: And extol Him with music and song!

M: For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.

C: How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts!

M: Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise him in the heights above.

C: Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

M: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars.

C: Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

M: Praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted.

C: His splendor is above the earth and the heavens. Praise the LORD.

M: We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.

C: You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness, O God our Savior.

M: You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.

C: The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for you have ordained it.

M: You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

C: You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.

M: The grasslands of the desert overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.

C: The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.

M: Praise the Lord all you people.

C: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

Confession

M: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16,17)

M: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Absolution

M: God gave his Word so *"that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name"* (John 20:31). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn

CW93 (RED) 611 FOR THE FRUIT OF HIS CREATION

**1. For the fruit of his creation,
Thanks be to God.
For his gifts to ev'ry nation,
Thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
Thanks be to God.**

**2. In the just reward of labor, God's
will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will be done.
In our worldwide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God's will be done.**

**3. For the harvests of the Spirit,
Thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that Love has found us,
Thanks be to God.**

The Word

The First Lesson

PSALM 103:1-12

Praise the Lord, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy
name.
2 Praise the Lord, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—
3 who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
4 who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and
compassion,
5 who satisfies your desires with good
things
so that your youth is renewed like the
eagle's.
6 The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all the oppressed.

7 He made known his ways to Moses,
his deeds to the people of Israel:
8 The Lord is compassionate and
gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
9 He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;
10 he does not treat us as our sins
deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.
11 For as high as the heavens are above
the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear
him;
12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our
transgressions from us.

The Gospel Lesson

LUKE 17:11-19

11 Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance 13 and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

14 When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

15 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. 16 He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

17 Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? 18 Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” 19 Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

What Do You Think Jesus Did to the 9 Who Did Not Return to Give Thanks?

Hymn

CW93 (Red) 613 Come, You Thankful People, Come

Come, you thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest-home.
All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin.
God our maker shall provide For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest-home.

All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and weeds together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come And shall take his harvest home,
From his field shall in that day All offenses purge away,
Give his angels charge at last In the fire the weeds to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store In his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come To your final harvest-home;
Gather all your people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, In your garner to abide.
Come with all your angels, come; Raise the glorious harvest-home.

Our Thanksgiving

The Offering

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Thanksgiving Prayer

M: Father in heaven, we give you thanks. You gave us life and formed our bodies in the womb. You have preserved us over the years by providing for all our needs. You control the weather, ensuring ample supplies of food.

C: You give us family and friends. You keep our society stable through the various institutions under your authority. You protect and defend us day after day.

M: Jesus, we give you thanks. True God from eternity, you put aside your heavenly glory and became human like us. You lived the kind of life we should, following perfectly all the commandments. You died the kind of death we should, receiving the total and just punishment for our sins.

C: What love you have shown us! We thank you for reconciling us to your Father through your holy, precious blood. We praise you for rising from the dead. We exalt you for winning for us the gift of eternal life.

M: Holy Spirit, we give you thanks. By our own thinking and choosing we cannot believe in Jesus Christ, or come to him. By your powerful means of grace, you called us to faith, revealing to us God's great love in Christ.

C: We praise you for the Holy Scriptures, inspired by you. We thank you for the sacraments. Through these means of grace, you begin, preserve, and strengthen faith in Christ. We thank you for your many blessings to our congregation and our families in the past year.

M: And in your name we join together in praying:

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.

The Benediction

M: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

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 mother's arms Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts And blessed 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.

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.