



I will
praise

God's name in song
and glorify him with

thanksgiving

Psalm 69:30

Thanksgiving Worship

November 26 and 27, 2025

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Burlington, Wisconsin

Opening Hymn

All People that on Earth Do Dwell | 601

Please stand to sing the final stanza.

Thanksgiving Litany

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good

And his love endures forever.

Come, let us praise God joyfully.

Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors:

We thank you, O God.

For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying:

We thank you, O God.

For work to do and strength to work; for the camaraderie of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement:

We thank you, O God.

For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets kept in love:

We thank you, O God.

For family and children; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasure; for the energy and curiosity of children:

We thank you, O God.

For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; for time made precious by its passing:

We thank you, O God.

For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger:

We thank you, O God.

For earthly blessings; for all the material joys and abundant provisions you bless us with day after day:

We thank you, O God.

Above all, O God, for your Son, Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him:

We thank and praise you, eternal God, for all your goodness to us. Amen.

Doxology

Glory Be to the Father | 273 (CW 1993)

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the
Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and
ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Prayer

Let us pray.

Good Lord, you provide for the needs of your people because your mercy endures forever. Give us each day our daily bread, and keep us mindful of your gifts, that we may always receive them with thanks; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 11-16, 18, 22-29

After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² he said to Nathan the prophet, “Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent.”

³ Nathan replied to the king, “Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you.”

⁴ But that night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying: ⁵ “Go and tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in?’”

¹¹ “‘The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: ¹² When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. ¹⁵ But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.’”

¹⁸ Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and he said:

²² “How great you are, Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears. ²³ And who is like your people Israel—the one nation on earth that God went out to redeem as a people for himself, and to make a name for himself, and to perform great and awesome wonders by driving out nations and their gods from before your people, whom you redeemed from Egypt? ²⁴ You have established your people Israel as your very own forever, and you, LORD, have become their God.

²⁵ “And now, LORD God, keep forever the promise you have made concerning your servant and his house. Do as you promised, ²⁶ so that your name will be great forever. Then people will say, ‘The LORD Almighty is God over Israel!’ And the house of your servant David will be established in your sight.

²⁷ “LORD Almighty, God of Israel, you have revealed this to your servant, saying, ‘I will build a house for you.’ So your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you. ²⁸ Sovereign LORD, you are God! Your covenant is trustworthy, and you have promised these good things to your servant. ²⁹ Now be pleased to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever in your sight; for you, Sovereign LORD, have spoken, and with your blessing the house of your servant will be blessed forever.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 136:1

Alleluia! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Alleluia!



Gospel

Luke 7:36-50

The Holy Gospel is written in St. Luke chapter seven.



³⁶ When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. ³⁸ As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, teacher," he said.

⁴¹ “Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?”

⁴³ Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.”

“You have judged correctly,” Jesus said.

⁴⁴ Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”

⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

⁴⁹ The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

Now Thank We All Our God | 597

Sermon

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 11-16, 18, 22-29

Thank the Lord for Promises Kept

Stand

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, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

First Article of the Apostles' Creed and Luther's Explanation

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil.

All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.

This is most certainly true.

Prayer of the Church

Psalms 118:1

God our Savior, we lift up your hands and hearts to you in prayer, giving thanks for all your blessings.

We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good. Your mercy endures forever.

We give thanks to you and praise your name for leading us each day, providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, and all we need for body and life.

We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good. Your mercy endures forever.

We give thanks to you and praise your name for feeding our souls with the Bread of Life, your holy word: your law to guide and correct us, your gospel to restore and empower us.

We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good. Your mercy endures forever.

We give thanks to you and praise your name for the special blessings you have given us in the past year. You certainly have opened your gracious hand, and met our needs with abundance.

We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good. Your mercy endures forever.

We give thanks to you and praise your name for leading us through hardships in this past year. You work even these for our good, and you discipline and train us in your great love.

We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good. Your mercy endures forever.

Keep your goodness, mercy and love on our hearts and minds daily, that we remember you as the giver of all our gifts and abilities, and as our only Redeemer and Savior.

We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good. Your mercy endures forever.

Lord, your mercies are never-failing, and in your grace, you give us life, health, food, clothing, and shelter. Give us thankful hearts, that we always acknowledge you as the giver of every good and perfect gift, and use what you give us wisely, for your glory and for our good; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offering

2 Corinthians 9:7

Offerings given in thanks to the Lord are brought to the Lord's altar. We ask all worshipers to fill out a "Welcome to Worship" card (found in the hymnal racks) and place it in the offering plates at the sanctuary doors following the service.

*Stand***Lord's Prayer** *Pater Noster**Matthew 6:9-13*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimitis*

Lord, Now You Let Your Servant | 951

Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac -

cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Prayer of the Day

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



Blessing *Aaronic Benediction*

Numbers 6:24-26

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.



Closing Hymn

God Be Praised for Ev'rything | Tune 124 (CW 1993)

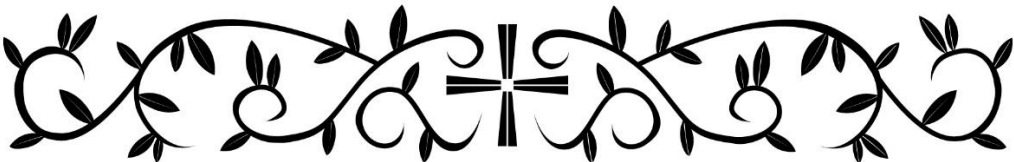
Thankful hearts we join today. God be praised for ev'rything.
Worship, sing, adore, and pray. God be praised for ev'rything.
For the love so faithful, true, for the mercies ever new,
For the goodness, all day through—God be praised for ev'rything.

“Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.” God be praised for ev'rything.
“Let these gifts to us be blessed.” God be praised for ev'rything.
Praise the God who meets our needs. Praise the God who daily feeds.
Praise the God who safely leads. God be praised for ev'rything.

Jesus is our Savior dear. God be praised for ev'rything.
With the Lord there is no fear. God be praised for ev'rything.
All our sins are washed away. We will stand on Judgment Day.
So we think and live and say: “God be praised for ev'rything.”

Even when I suffer loss—God be praised for ev'rything.
Feel the pain or bear the cross—God be praised for ev'rything.
God's good purpose I believe. His dear child I'll always be.
Let the cry begin with me: “God be praised for ev'rything.”

This hymn was written by Rev. James Pope, a WELS pastor who has taught at Martin Luther College and now serves as Executive Editor for Forward In Christ. The inspiration for this hymn comes from the early church father John of Chrysostom. It is said that his life's motto and dying words were “God be praised for everything.” For more on this hymn, please see the November 2025 edition of Forward in Christ (available in the church library), or visit: <https://forwardinchrist.net/god-be-praised-for-evrything>.



Serving at Worship

Preacher: Pastor Kirk Lahmann

Accompanist: Brenda Hafeman (Wednesday) & Stephen Radsek (Thursday)

WELS Christian Aid and Relief

I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving (Psalm 69:30). The Lutheran church is often called the singing church. What do we sing about? We sing about a God who created us and cares for us with abundant blessings. We sing about a God who sent his Son to redeem us by his blood, save us from our sins, and secure our place in heaven. We sing about a God who comforts our hearts and strengthens our faith through Word and Sacrament. With great joy and gratitude, we sing our songs of thanksgiving to glorify our gracious, generous, and compassionate God!

Not only do we sing; we act. We imitate our God in the compassion we show to others. Your special gifts enable us to serve hurting people all around the world and lead to many opportunities to share the good news of God's love in Christ, so that they too can sing a song of thanksgiving to the one true God. We thank you for supporting this vital ministry of compassion with your prayers and gifts of love! Here's how we used those gifts this past year:

Grant Summary

- **Disaster Relief:** \$441,657 was utilized for disaster relief. We helped rebuild churches in Malawi destroyed by a cyclone, provided flood relief in India, Kenya, Thailand, and Vietnam, assisted with wildfire relief in Texas, Arizona, and Los Angeles, and supported recovery efforts following hurricanes Helene and Milton.
- **Humanitarian Aid:** \$482,946 went toward humanitarian aid projects in partnership with WELS Home and World Missions. These dollars help provide food for the hungry, medical care for the sick and dying, clean drinking water, school supplies for underprivileged children, vocational training, and many other needs.
- **Personal Relief Grants:** \$388,386 funded grants to assist brothers and sisters experiencing a medical or financial crisis.
- **Total:** God enabled us to use more than \$1.3 million of your gifts to show compassion to people in need! To him alone be all the glory!

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