



Thanksgiving Day – October 2022

Welcome

**\*Gathering Song: How Great Is Our God**

**LUYH 574**

*\*Call to Worship (Psalm 100)*

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness,  
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

**we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

Give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

*God's Greeting*

To you who are called, who are beloved in God the Father and kept safe  
for Jesus Christ: May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance. (Jude 1,2)

**Amen**

The Lord be with you,

**and also with you.**

**\*Singing: Great is Thy Faithfulness**

**LUYH 348**

*Litany of Thanksgiving*

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.**

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 beckoning 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 God's abundant goodness.**

We thank you, gracious Father that you provide for all of our needs.

**We praise you, Lord.**

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 and church.

**Thanks be to God!** (Reformed Worship, June 2010)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (written by Vienna Cobb Anderson)

**Singing: Now Thank We All Our God**

**LUYH 543**



*Thanksgiving Day prayer of Confession.*

Loving God, we gather today rich in blessing,  
somehow believing that we merit the wealth and comforts that we enjoy.  
Forgive us, our God, for comfortably closing our eyes  
to the faces of the poor that stare blankly in our direction.

**Lord, have mercy on us.**

With bellies full of grain and meat,  
we offer token gestures to the hungry in our world  
and we feel we have done enough.  
Forgive us, God, for keeping a distance between "us" and "them,"  
for closing our ears to the cries of the hungry.

**Christ, have mercy on us.**

With hands tightly clasping our treasures on earth,  
we cannot reach out to our oppressed brothers and sisters  
around this world.  
Forgive us for clinging to our own possessions rather than to you.  
Unite us with hearts of thanksgiving  
that we may work to insure freedom and justice for all.

**Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Amen** (prayer composed by Rev. Donald Jansma)

**\*Singing: Speak, O Lord**

**LUYH 755**

Scripture: Philippians 1: 1 - 11

Message: "Every time I think of you ..."

**\*Singing: Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns**

**LUYH 261**

Offering: Ottawa Food Bank

**Singing: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love**

**LUYH 299**

Prayer

**\*Singing: Shine Jesus Shine**

**MP 2**

**\*God's Parting Blessing**

**Amen**

**God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace:**

We thank you for the gift of life:  
for the breath that sustains life,  
for the food of this earth that nurtures life,  
for the love of family and friends without which there would be no life.

We thank you for the mystery of creation:  
for the beauty that the eye can see,  
for the joy that the ear may hear,  
for the unknown that we cannot behold filling the universe with wonder,  
for the expanse of space that draws us beyond the definitions of our selves.

We thank you for setting us in communities:  
for families who nurture our becoming,  
for friends who love us by choice,  
for companions at work, who share our burdens and daily tasks,  
for strangers who welcome us into their midst,  
for people from other lands who call us to grow in understanding,  
for children who lighten our moments with delight,  
for the unborn, who offer us hope for the future.

We thank you for this day:  
for life and one more day to love,  
for opportunity and one more day to work for justice and peace,  
for neighbors and one more person to love and by whom be loved,  
for your grace and one more experience of your presence,  
for your promise: to be with us, to be our God, and to give salvation.

For these, and all blessings, we give you thanks, eternal, loving God,  
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

