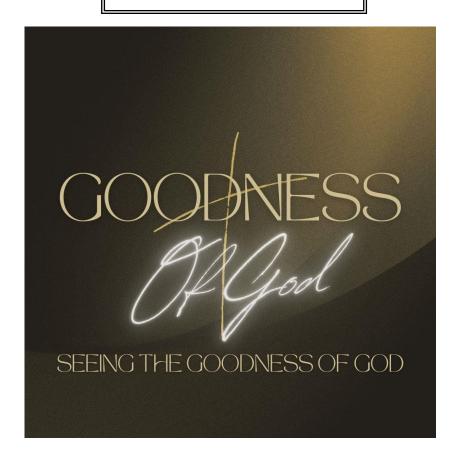


AN LCMS CONGREGATION

November 10, 2024 9am Worship



# Goodness of God: Where Gratitude Begins

(Pastor John Mitchell)

What's something you're grateful for today that you might have taken for granted a year ago?

# 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost - November 10, 2024 9:00am Order of Worship Goodness of God: Where Gratitude Begins

#### Prelude / Welcome





#### Invocation & Confession

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done

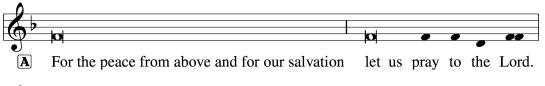
and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## Passing of the Peace









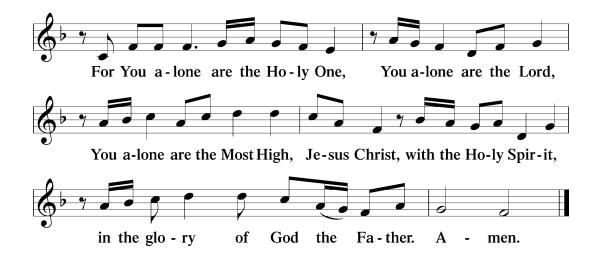


A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,









# Salutation and Collect of the Day

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.. Amen.

(Please Sit)

## First Lesson

Psalm 23:1-6

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
- <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,
- <sup>3</sup> he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk

through the darkest valley,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

#### **Second Lesson**

#### Ephesians 2:11-22

<sup>11</sup> Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)— <sup>12</sup> remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

<sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup> by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. <sup>17</sup> He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

<sup>19</sup> Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.



#### **Holy Gospel**

**P** The Holy Gospel, according to St Mark the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.



Mark 6:30-44

<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

<sup>32</sup> So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. <sup>33</sup> But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

They said to him, "That would take more than half a year's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?"

<sup>38</sup> "How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see."

When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish."

<sup>39</sup> Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup> So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. <sup>41</sup> Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. 42 They all ate and were satisfied, 43 and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. 44 The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

## **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



# **Apostles' Creed**

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body. and the life + everlasting. Amen.

(Please Sit)

<sup>35</sup> By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. <sup>36</sup> Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> But he answered, "You give them something to eat."



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(Please Stand)

#### **Announcements**

# Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for Your compassion shown in Christ Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep and the righteous Son of David. Keep us trusting at all times in Your right hand, in whom true satisfaction is found. Lord, in Your mercy,

## People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God of Israel, You promise to set caring shepherds over the sheep of Your pasture. Drive away deceitful shepherds who scatter Your flock, and gather Your sheep into Your heavenly kingdom by the hands of pious and faithful men whom You send in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

## People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, in Jesus' compassion for the crowd, He provided bread and fish until all had eaten their fill and were satisfied. Give us our daily bread, according to Your will. Help us to use the gifts that You have given us to care for those who are hungry and in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

## People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly King, You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us good government and faithful rulers, while reminding us always that all provision comes from You. And give wisdom to those newly elected leaders, that all foolish or wicked plans may come to no success, and that noble, fair, and beneficial counsels would be heeded and put into effect for the good of all people whom they serve. Lord, in Your mercy,

## People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for Your constant care and all we need to support this body and life. Attend to those in need among us *[especially those* we name silently]. Free them from dismay and fear by the certainty that Christ is their righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,

## People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We give thanks to You, O Lord, that You have made us fellow citizens with the saints in light. Keep us in the true faith for as long as You preserve us in this world, that we would hopefully and eagerly await the day when we stand in Your presence with them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

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.

#### Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

