



**Don't forget the Lord, Your God**

*Deuteronomy 8:10-20*

**Service of Thanksgiving**  
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Welcome to Cross of Glory's online worship! God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament, and we recognize that this can happen via technology as well as in a physical building. Thank the Lord for blessing us with the means to continue worshipping together in this way! As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power fill you.

Please take the time to note some things about how worship will work online:

Attendance – We would still like to gather an accurate account of who is worshipping with us for each service. Please let us know you are worshipping by commenting in the chat box. List your full name (first and last) in your message.

Chatting and discussing – Before and after each service, there is time available to chat with others. We invite you to do so, as this is a way we can preserve the sense of community we have on a normal Sunday morning. We do ask that you keep chatting to a minimum during the service, so that others can focus on what's happening.

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God bless our time together in worship today!



In our Thanksgiving sermon text from Deuteronomy, Moses reminds the Children of Israel, "Don't forget the Lord your God!" That reminder is applicable to us who often in our hurried, prosperous lives, forget God—the giver of all we possess including the gift of eternal life through his Son, Christ Jesus. May we respond to God's abundant blessings with gratitude in living lives of thankfulness, praise and service to our gracious God!

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## Service of Thanksgiving

### OPENING HYMN

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer | *CW609 3 Vs.*

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.  
We worship you, God of our fathers; we bless you.  
Through trial and tempest our guide you have been;  
When perils o’ertake us, you will not forsake us.  
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.  
With voices united our praises we offer;  
To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.  
Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us.  
To you, our great Redeemer, fore’er be praise!

### THANKSGIVING INVOCATION

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**C: And God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. (Gen 1:1, 31)**

M: Where morning dawns and evening fades

**C: You call forth songs of joy.**

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 so you have ordained it.**

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

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

M: The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain;

**C: they shout for joy and sing. (Psalm 65:1-13)**

M: He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate— bringing forth food from the earth:

**C: wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart. (Psalm 104:10-15)**

M: How many are your works, O LORD!

**C: In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

M: These all look to you to give them their food at the proper time.

**C: When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are sat-**

**isfied with good things.** (*Psalm 104:24-30*)

M: Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men,

**C: for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.** (*Psalm 107:8,9*)

M: “Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs.

**C: But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the LORD.”** (*Jonah 2:8, 9*)

 **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

For the Beauty of the Earth | *CW612 1 Vs.*

For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,

For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies;

Lord of all, to you we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

*Deuteronomy 8:1-10*

*(Response Spoken by Congregation)*

Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land the LORD promised on oath to your ancestors. <sup>2</sup>Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. <sup>3</sup>He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. <sup>5</sup>Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you. <sup>6</sup>Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in obedience to him and revering him. <sup>7</sup>For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; <sup>8</sup>a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; <sup>9</sup>a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills. <sup>10</sup>When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.** (*1 Chronicles 29:11*)

**CONFESSIONAL LESSON**

Luther's Catechism, 4th Petition

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

M: Here we consider the poor breadbasket—the needs of our body and our life on earth. It is a brief and simple word, but very comprehensive. When you say and ask for “daily bread,”

you ask for everything that is necessary in order to have and enjoy daily bread and, on the contrary, against everything that interferes with enjoying it. You must therefore expand and extend your thoughts to include not just the oven or the flour bin, but also the broad fields and the whole land that produce and provide our daily bread and all kinds of sustenance for us. For if God did not cause grain to grow and did not bless it and preserve it in the field, we could never have a loaf of bread to take from the oven or to set upon the table....

Indeed, the greatest need of all is to pray for the civil authorities and the government, for it is chiefly through them that God provides us daily bread and all the comforts of this life.

Although we have received from God all good things in abundance, we cannot retain any of them or enjoy them in security and happiness were he not to give us a stable, peaceful government. For where dissension, strife, and war prevail, there daily bread is already taken away or at least reduced....

But especially is this petition directed against our chief enemy, the devil, whose whole purpose and desire it is to take away or interfere with all we have received from God.... In short, it pains him that anyone should receive even a mouthful of bread from God and eat it in peace. If it were in his power and our prayer to God did not restrain him, surely we would not have a straw in the field, a penny in the house, or even an hour more of life—especially those of us who have the Word of God and would like to be Christians.

Thus, you see, God wishes to show us how he cares for us in all our needs and faithfully provides for our daily sustenance. Although he gives and provides these blessings bountifully, even to the godless and rogues, yet he wishes us to ask for them so that we may realize that we have received them from his hand and may recognize in them his fatherly goodness toward us.

This is the word of our faith.

**C: Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. (1 Chronicles 29:12)**

**CHOIR**

**My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

***Luke 17:11-19***

*(Response Spoken by Congregation)*

<sup>1</sup> Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup> Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.** (*1 Chronicles 29:13*)

 **SERMON HYMN:** **Come, You Thankful People, Come** | *CW613 3 Vs.*

**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.**

**SERMON** **Don't Forget the LORD , Your God!** *Deuteronomy 8:10-20*

<sup>10</sup>When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. <sup>11</sup>Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. <sup>12</sup>Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, <sup>13</sup>and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup>then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. <sup>15</sup>He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. <sup>16</sup>He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. <sup>17</sup>You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” <sup>18</sup>But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today. <sup>19</sup>If you ever forget the LORD your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed. <sup>20</sup>Like the nations the LORD destroyed before you, so you will be destroyed for not obeying the LORD your God.

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## THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

*(Prayed by Minister)*

### PRAYER

*(Spoken Responsively)*

**M:** Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

**C:** **We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.**

**M:** We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

**C:** **We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.**

**M:** Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

**C:** **Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. In Jesus' name we pray:**

**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.**

### HYMN

**We Thank You for Your Blessings | CW615 2 Vs.**

**We thank you for your blessings, Almighty Lord, our King;  
We thank you for the harvests Yes Lord, for ev'rything;  
For flow'rs that bloom in springtime, For rip'ning fruit and grain,  
For all the precious sunshine, And for the gentle rain.**

**But best of all your blessings, The rainbow of your love,  
Are all the many mercies Your Word brings from above.  
Our life now has full meaning Christ Jesus is our God!  
Thanksgiving shall be living The way the Savior trod.**

### CLOSING PRAYER

*(Spoken by Minister)*

**M:** Most gracious God, by whose wisdom the depths are broken up and the clouds drop down the dew: We give you hearty thanks and praise for the return of seed time and harvest, for

the increase of the ground and the gathering in of its fruits, and for all other blessings of your merciful goodness bestowed upon this nation and people. And, we pray, give us a true sense of these great mercies, so that in thankfulness we may walk before you in humility, holiness, and obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Ghost be all glory and honor, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**BLESSING**

*(Spoken by Minister)*

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. Amen.

 **CLOSING HYMN**

**Now Thank We All Our God | CW610 2 Vs.**

**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 mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**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 heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**



**Cross of Glory** was planted by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) in March 1998 so that with the Gospel of Jesus she can strengthen the faith of her members and reach out into the community with the free gift of salvation. First worship services began at Easter 1999; the dedication of our Ministry Center at Easter, 2005. On Easter of 2017, we began services at our second site in the Vistancia community. Our synod's name reflects that her founders began in the state of Wisconsin. As a WELS church we still hold to the teachings of the Bible restored in the Reformation era. We are...

- a Christ-preaching church. We preach that Jesus is true God, the Son of God who became man, so that through his perfect life and innocent death, He is the prophesied "Lamb of God" who has taken away the sin of the world.
- a Bible-believing church. We teach that the Bible is the verbally inspired, inerrant Word of God, the only authority for Christian faith and life. We aim to teach God's Word in all its truth and simplicity.
- an evangelical church. We trust the Bible's claim that God saves people through the power of the Gospel in the Word and Sacraments. The Gospel is the Good News (the Evangel) about Jesus' saving work. The WELS has congregations throughout the USA and around the world to share the Evangel, the Bible's primary message, with all people.
- a people-caring church. That we're all sinners equally saved by Jesus' substitutionary work strips away human judgments and egos. This truth also empowers us to live Jesus' love for all people by offering friendship, support, and Biblical counseling. Our church family cares about other people-- including you.

Our Preschool & Elementary School exists to help parents in their God-given duty of teaching the Faith to their children: an important aspect of our Church's plan to grow a comprehensive womb-to tomb ministry that serves souls for eternity.

*Saturday Worship at 6pm (Jomax)  
Sunday Worship at 9am (Jomax) 10:30am (Vistancia)  
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