

Welcome to Ascension Lutheran Church!

Let Us Give Thanks Unto the Lord!

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A Service of the Word

TLH (hymns 1-660) is the RED book, WS (hymns 701-800) is the TAN book
(If you have difficulty standing, please feel free to remain seated as needed)

Preservice Devotion: Psalm 95, forepart of TLH p.143

OPENING PRAYER

INVOCATION

M We begin in the name of the Triune God:

**C In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

♪ Sing (w intro, TLH 537:1):

**Every morning mercies new
Fall as fresh as morning dew;
Every morning let us pay
Tribute with the early day;
For Thy mercies, Lord, are sure,
Thy compassion doth endure.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 95

M Oh come, let us sing to the Lord!

C Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

M Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;

C Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

M For the Lord is the great God,

C And the great King above all gods.

M In His hand are the deep places of the earth;

C The heights of the hills are His also.

M The sea is His, for He made it;

C And His hands formed the dry land.

M Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

C Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

M For He is our God,

C And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand.

M Today, if you will hear His voice:

C “Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion,

M As in the day of trial in the wilderness,

C When your fathers tested Me;

M They tried Me, though they saw My work.

C For forty years I was grieved with that generation,

M And said, ‘It is a people who go astray in their hearts,

C And they do not know My ways.’

M So I swore in My wrath,

C ‘They shall not enter My rest.’ ”

♪ Sing (w intro, TLH 537:2):

**Still the greatness of Thy love
Daily doth our sins remove;
Daily, far as east from west,
Lifts the burden from the breast;
Gives unbought to those who pray
Strength to stand in evil day.**

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness,
The world and those who dwell therein.

THANKS FOR SHARING

1. The Fullness of Creation

PRAYER

M O LORD God almighty, You indeed give daily bread without our asking, even to unbelievers, but we pray that you would teach us to realize these blessings which come from You and to receive our daily blessings with thanksgiving. Amen.

♪ Sing (w intro, TLH 537:3):

**Let our prayers each morn prevail
That these gifts may never fail;
And as we confess the sin
And the Tempter's power within,
Feed us with the Bread of Life;
Fit us for our daily strife.**

CREED OF THANKFUL HEARTS *Luther's Explanation to the First Article*

I believe that God has created me and all creatures. He has given me my body and life, eyes, ears, and all my bodily members, my mind, and all my senses and still keeps them for me.

God also preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all my property and all I need to support this body and life. He protects me from all danger. He guards and defends me from every evil.

God does all this because He is my good and gracious Father in heaven, not because of anything I have done to earn or deserve it. For all of this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness,
The world and those who dwell therein.

THANKS FOR SHARING
2. The Fullness of Redemption

PRAYER

M O LORD God almighty, You indeed have given Your Son from heaven without our asking or deserving, so we pray that you would teach us to call upon Him in every need that our hearts might feed on Him with thanksgiving. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 103

M Bless the Lord, O my soul;

C And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

M Bless the Lord, O my soul,

C And forget not all His benefits:

M Who forgives all your iniquities,

C Who heals all your diseases,

M Who redeems your life from destruction,

C Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

M Who satisfies your mouth with good things,

C So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

M The Lord executes righteousness

C And justice for all who are oppressed.

♪ Sing (w intro, TLH 537:4):

As the morning light returns,

As the sun with splendor burns,

Teach us still to turn to Thee,

Ever-blessed Trinity.

With our hands our hearts to raise

In unfailing prayer and praise.

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness,
The world and those who dwell therein.

THANKS FOR SHARING
3. The Fullness of Thanksgiving

PRAYER

M O LORD God almighty, You indeed have filled us with the riches of Your Word, so we pray that you would teach us to share Your grace in love and service toward our neighbor with thanksgiving. Amen.

OFFERINGS

HYMN

TLH 568 (red hymnal)

We Praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator

GENERAL PRAYERS

O LORD, God almighty, you do indeed give us our daily bread, sustaining us with everything we need for our bodily well-being. That we would acknowledge and give thanks for these gifts, we beg You to hear us O God, **For Thy mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

For food and drink to sustain us in this bodily life, we beg You to hear us O God, **For Thy mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

For clothing and shoes to keep us warm and healthy, we beg You to hear us O God, **For Thy mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

For house and property to shelter and protect us, we beg You to hear us O God, **For Thy mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

For animals, job, and goods to provide income and financial means, we beg You to hear us O God, **For Thy mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

For godly husbands, wives, and children to represent You rightly in sacrifice and service to their families, we beg You to hear us O God, **For Thy mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

For godly workers to provide safe and honest business markets and supply their neighbor with good things, we beg You to hear us O God, **For Thy mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

For faithful leaders and good government to lead their people honestly, promote justice, and uphold the freedom to worship You in truth, we beg You to hear us O God, **For Thy mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

For good weather, peace, health, and education that You would work through the various institutions in the land to serve the needs of its people according to Your will, we beg You to hear us O God, **For Thy mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

For honor, faithful friends, and trustworthy neighbors that You would grant us to live peaceful lives with dignity and care toward those around us, we beg You to hear us O God, **For Thy mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

For the spiritual welfare of Your people that as we feed on Your Son with thanksgiving, Your Spirit would preserve us in the true faith unto everlasting life, we beg You to hear us O God, **For Thy mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

With thankful hearts we pray, **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

M Go in peace and serve the Lord with gladness.

C Thanks be to God.

M The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

WS 792 (tan hymnal)

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