



Worship Guide

Thanksgiving Eve
November 22, 2017



We Thank God For His Word

HYMN: CW 610

Now Thank We All Our God

CALL TO WORSHIP:

M: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

C: **Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

M: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being praise his holy name.

C: **Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

M: Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.

C: **Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.**

M: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

C: **As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

M: From everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him.

C: **I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.**

M: You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

C: **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

By His Word God Created the World

Psalm 33:1-9

¹ Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. ² Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. ³ Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy. ⁴ For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. ⁵ The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his

C: **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

M: Gracious Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: **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.**

The Word Gives Wisdom

2 Timothy 3:14-17

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

THE BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

HYMN: CW 293

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage



OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Heavenly Father, when you open your hand, you satisfy the desires of every living thing.
- C: **May your name be praised and your grace glorified.**
- M: Tonight we remember with joy the gifts you provide for us.
- C: **Again and again you pour on us all that we need for daily living: health, strength, companionship, and all our material blessings.**
- M: We thank you especially for the incomparable spiritual blessings you have given us through your Son.
- C: **It is true that every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.**
- M: Yet we are greedy and ungrateful. We complain and worry. Forgive us for these and all our sins in the name of Jesus.
- C: **Prevent our many blessings from becoming Satan's trap to ensnare us. Keep our minds on things above, not on earthly things.**
- M: On this Thanksgiving Eve, pour out your Spirit on us. Bless us all with a faith that seeks first your kingdom and your righteousness.
- C: **Assure us that you will supply all our other needs as well. Make us bold to give as generously as you have given to us.**
- M: Be with your people wherever they might be on this holiday. Protect those who are traveling.
- C: **Cheer the hearts of the lonely, comfort those who sorrow, and look with compassion on the poor and needy.**
- M: Hear us Lord, as we bring you our private prayers of thanksgiving.
- Silent prayer.*
- M: Fill us today and every day with a humble and grateful faith that sincerely prays,

unfailing love. ⁶ By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. ⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses. ⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him. ⁹ For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

HYMN: CW 222 (vs. 1,3,5)

Songs of Praise the Angels Sang

The Word Gives Life

John 6:63-69

⁶³The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. ⁶⁴Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him." ⁶⁶From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. ⁶⁷"You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

HYMN: CW 356 (vs. 2-4)

You Are the Way; Through You Alone

The Word Gives Faith

Romans 10:8-17

⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: ⁹That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. ¹¹As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." ¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ¹⁴How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" ¹⁶But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" ¹⁷Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

HYMN: CW 403 (vs. 1-2)

I Know My Faith Is Founded

The Word Gives Truth

John 17:11-19

¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. ¹³ "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

HYMN: CW 279 (vs. 1,3)

O Word of God Incarnate

The Word Gives Certainty (*It does not change*)

1 Peter 1:17-25

¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. ²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For, "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord stands forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

HYMN: CW 291 (vs. 1,4)

We Have a Sure Prophetic Word

The Word Gives Hope and Comfort

Psalms 119:41,43,49-52

⁴¹ May your unfailing love come to me, O LORD, your salvation according to your promise;

⁴³ Do not snatch the word of truth from my mouth, for I have put my hope in your laws. ⁴⁹

Remember your word to your servant, for you have given me hope. ⁵⁰ My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life. ⁵¹ The arrogant mock me without restraint, but I do not turn from your law. ⁵² I remember your ancient laws, O LORD, and I find comfort in them.

HYMN: CW 416 (vs. 1-3)

How Firm a Foundation

The Word Gives Light and Guidance

Psalms 119:105-112

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. ¹⁰⁶ I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws. ¹⁰⁷ I have suffered much; preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word. ¹⁰⁸ Accept, O LORD, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me your laws. ¹⁰⁹ Though I constantly take my life in my hands, I will not forget your law. ¹¹⁰ The wicked have set a snare for me, but I have not strayed from your precepts. ¹¹¹ Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. ¹¹² My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.

HYMN

Thy Word is a Lamp

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
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When I feel afraid, Think I've lost my way, Still you're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear As long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

I will not forget Your love for me and yet My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide, And hold me to your side, I will love you to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
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Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

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