

Welcome to Trinity

#73 Our Greatest Joy should be That He Has Brought Us To A Saving Knowledge of Christ. - From this, we now see what **our greatest joy should be and for what, above all, we ought to give thanks to God, namely, that He has enlightened us inwardly through His Word and Spirit and has brought us to a saving knowledge of Christ.** The Lord Christ, as “Wisdom” (1 Cor. 1:24), understood best what an inexpressible blessing that was, which is why He rejoiced over it so earnestly and gave thanks to His heavenly Father for it so intensely. We do not understand or ponder it with such seriousness, which is why our spiritual joy and thanksgiving are also so much colder. But this is certain: The more the light of the saving knowledge of God increases, the more the spiritual joy and praise of God also grows within you. Indeed, if the natural light causes us to rejoice when it rises after the dark night, or when we are brought out of the dark dungeon to the very light of day, should not the heavenly, spiritual light of divine knowledge that the Lord God has kindled in our hearts, darkened by nature, cause us to rejoice much more, yes, immeasurably more? The natural light illumines us for a short time in this fleeting life and causes us to participate “with the saints in the light” (Col. 1:12).

As high as heaven is above the earth, so much more precious and noble should we also esteem the heavenly light of divine knowledge than the natural light. The one for whom that heavenly light has not yet appeared and arisen still sits in darkness and will be cast out into the outermost darkness, and the natural light of the sun or of his own understanding will not be able to prevent it; only the heavenly light will do. If we want to come to this light, then **we must not place too much trust in the natural light of our understanding, which is deceptive and misleading.** We must not consider ourselves wise, but we should recognize that the natural light is darkness before God, and the world’s wisdom is foolishness. Many people fool themselves in this regard; they think that the true, heavenly light of the saving knowledge of God has arisen in their heart, but it is only a slender ray of the natural light which does not go or lead beyond nature. O heavenly Light, shine on us and drive out the darkness from our hearts! O bright Morning Star, arise in our heart! Teach us, O divine Wisdom! We will gladly be infants and willingly yield to Your enlightening! (Sermon for St Matthias-February 24, Postilla Volume 3 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, page 51-52)

A Day of General of Special Thanksgiving (White)
Lesson. Isaiah 26:1-12Lesson. 1 Timothy 2:1-8
Collect.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, Whose mercies are new unto us every morn- ing, and Who, though we have in no wise deserved Thy goodness, dost abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul: Give us, we pray Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge Thy merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Thy benefits, and serve Thee in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

- Sermon Outline: “Let All the Peoples Praise You”**
- I. Introduction:** (Psalm 110, 121 and 67)
To God Alone Be The _____
- II. All Good Is From God** (Rom 11:36)
- Definition of God: The One to Whom we look for _____ good.
 - If a thing is good, then God provided it.
 - Corollary: Then All Evil Is From _____.
- III. Humility (Confession of sin) and True Praise**
Praise is a “zero-sum _____”:
As God’s greatness rises, our self-exaltation falls.
- IV. God’s Self-Sufficiency and Salvation**
- The true God needs _____ but gives _____ freely.
 - The Father made plans *before* creation—no human _____ possible.
 - The Son accomplished salvation _____.
 - Ephesians 2:8–9 – “Not of yourselves...”
The Spirit grants faith as a _____.
- V. Conclusion: When We Magnify His Name, We Learn Humility** (Psalm 34:3, Malachi 1:11)
- God’s Name Is Already Great—We Desire It to Be _____ Among Us. We humble ourselves & praise Him simultaneously.
 - Luther’s Heidelberg Disputation: “God creates out of nothing.
Therefore until a man is nothing,
God can make _____ out of him.”

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Thanksgiving Day Prayer

ALMIGHTY GOD, heavenly Father, we praise and magnify Thy holy name for all the temporal and spiritual mercies Thou hast bestowed upon us at all times. Thou dost cause Thy holy, saving Word to be preached to us in purity and truth, comforting, admonishing, warning, and reproving us thereby, and fully apprising us how to turn from our evil ways, to obtain salvation by faith in Thy dear Son, and to walk before Thee in righteousness and all holy obedience. Thou makest us to dwell in a goodly land; Thou, O Lord, Thyself carest for it; and Thine eyes are continually upon it from the beginning of the year even unto the end. Thou hast ordained for us our beloved government and dost endow those in authority with wisdom so to rule, that, being safely kept under their governance, we may pass our days in quietness and peace. Thou dost vouchsafe to us the priceless boon of liberty, so that, without let or hindrance, we may freely serve Thee according to Thy Word, be quickened in our most holy faith, confess Thy name, and spread abroad Thy Gospel, and in our homes and churches and schools teach our children the knowledge of the saving truth, bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of their Lord Jesus Christ. Thou forgivest us richly and daily all our sins and dost not deal with us according to our iniquities. As high as the heaven is above the earth, so great is Thy mercy toward us.

We beseech Thee, give us truly thankful hearts, that we may not forget all Thy benefits and Thy never-failing mercies. Enable us to realize that Thy goodness should lead us and our whole people to repentance, and that we are not worthy of the least of all Thy mercies and of all Thy truth, because we have repaid Thy manifold bounties with all manner of sin and unrighteousness and amply deserved that Thou shouldst cause Thy loving-kindness altogether to cease among us. As Thou hast delivered up Thine only-begotten Son for us all, and with Him also freely givest us all things, through Him bestowing Thine abundant blessing upon our land, its government, and its inhabitants, that all men may seek and find Thee in this acceptable time and the day of salvation; do not Thou forsake us, but for His sake be gracious unto us forevermore. With the finger of Thy Holy Spirit write in our hearts the perpetual remembrance of Thy faithfulness. Open Thou our lips, that we may praise Thy grace and mercy, and confess Thy name and Word. As Thou hast prospered us in earthly goods, make us willing and ready to praise Thee by our works and to honor Thee with our substance for the extension of Thy kingdom. Let this mind be in us, which was also in Christ Jesus, that we have compassion on our neighbor in his need, even as Thou hast had pity on us. Preserve us from vanity and presumption, lest we say: Our power and the might of our hands hath gotten us this wealth; but let us remember Thee, the Lord, our God, by whose power and benediction our beloved Church, our country, and our government are preserved, to the end that we may inculcate upon our children and our children's children for a memorial forever that Thou hast done great things for us and that we rejoice in Thee.

Our soul shall bless Thee at all times and never forget all Thy benefits. Let us walk in Thy ways, until we shall glorify Thee and exalt Thy name in the New Jerusalem; through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord. Amen.

Answers to Sermon Outline inside this bulletin: I. Glory, II.1. good, II.3. me, III. Game, IV.1. nothing, everything, IV.2. merit, IV.3. freely, IV.4. Gift, V.1. Great, V.2. nothing.

Thanksgiving Day



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (VIII:22) White Robes Revelation 6

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Isaiah 26:1-12

In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: “We have a strong city; God will appoint salvation for walls and bulwarks. 2 Open the gates, That the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in. 3 You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You. 4 Trust in the Lord forever, For in Yah, the Lord, is everlasting strength. 5 For He brings down those who dwell on high, The lofty city; He lays it low, He lays it low to the ground, He brings it down to the dust. 6 The foot shall tread it down— The feet of the poor And the steps of the needy.” 7 The way of the just is uprightness; O Most Upright, You weigh the path of the just. 8 Yes, in the way of Your judgments, O Lord, we have waited for You; The desire of our soul is for Your name And for the remembrance of You. 9 With my soul I have desired You in the night, Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early; For when Your judgments are in the earth, The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. 10 Let grace be shown to the wicked, Yet he will not learn righteousness; In the land of uprightness he will deal unjustly, And will not behold the majesty of the Lord. 11 Lord, when Your hand is lifted up, they will not see. But they will see and be ashamed For their envy of people; Yes, the fire of Your enemies shall devour them. 12 Lord, You will establish peace for us, For You have also done all our works in us.

1 Timothy 2:1-8

¹ Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, ² for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. ³ For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, ⁷ for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle—I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. ⁸ I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

Psalmody for Thanksgiving

Psalm 100—*Jubilate Deo*

Psalm Tone VIII



Antiphon: MAKE A || joyful shout to the | Lord, | - *
— | all | you | lands! | -

|| **1 Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you | lands! | - ***
2 Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His pre- | sence | with | sing- | ing.

|| 3 Know that the Lord, He is | God; | - *
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep | of | His | pas- | ture.

|| **4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiv -ing, (+) and into His courts with | praise. | - ***

Be thankful to Him, | and | bless | His | name.
|| 5 For the Lord is good; His mercy is ever- | last- | ing, *
And His truth endures to all | gen- | er- | a- | tions.

GLO- RY || be to the Father, and to the | Son: | - *
and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost;

AS IT || was in the begin -ning, (+) is now, and ever | shall | be: *
world with- | out | end. | A- | men.

Antiphon: || **Make a joyful shout to the | Lord, | - ***
— | all | you | lands! | -

HYMN #440 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

Psalm 121—*Levavi oculos*

Psalm Tone II



Antiphon: MY HELP || comes from the | Lord, | - *
Who made heav- | en | and | earth.
|| **1 I will lift up my eyes to the | hills | - ***
—**From whence | comes | my | help?**
|| 2 My help comes from the | Lord, | - *
Who made heav- | en | and | earth.
|| **3 He will not allow your foot to be | moved; | - ***
He who keeps you will | not | slum- | ber.
|| 4 Behold, He who keeps | *Is-ra-* • | el *
Shall neither slum- | ber | nor | sleep.
|| **5 The Lord is your | keep- | er; ***
The Lord is your shade at | your | right | hand.
|| 6 The sun shall not strike you by | day, | - *
Nor the | moon | by | night.
|| **7 The Lord shall preserve you from all | e- | vil; ***
He shall pre- | serve | your | soul.
|| 8 The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming | in
| - *
From this time forth, and even for- | ev- | er- | more.
GLO- RY || be to the Father, and to the | Son: | - *
and to the | Ho- | ly | Ghost;
AS IT || was in the begin -ning, (+) is now, and ever | shall |
be: *
world without | end. | A- | men.
Antiphon: || **My help comes from the | Lord, | - ***
Who made heav- | en | and | earth.

HYMN #905 “For The Fruits of His Creation”

Psalm 67—*Deus misereatur nostri*

Psalm Tone IV



Antiphon: LET THE - || peoples | praise | You, | O | God; *
Let all | the | peo- | ples | praise | You.
|| **1 God be merciful to | us | and | bless | us, ***
And cause His face | to | shine | up- | on us.
|| 2 That Your way may be | known | on | earth, | - *
Your salvation | a- | mong | all | na- | tions.
|| **3 Let the peoples | praise | You, | O | God; ***
Let all | the | peo- | ples | praise | You.
|| 4 Oh, let the nations be glad and | sing | for | joy! | - *
For You shall judge the people righteously, and govern |
the | na- | tions | on | earth.
|| **5 Let the peoples | praise | You, | O | God; ***
Let all | the | peo- | ples | praise | You.
|| 6 Then the earth shall | yield | her | in- | crease; *
God, our | own | God, | shall | bless | us.
|| **7 God | shall | — | bless | us, ***
And all the ends of | the | earth | shall | fear | Him.
GLO- RY - || be to the Father, and | to | the | Son: | - *
and | to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost;
AS IT - || was in the begin -ning, (+) is now, and | ev- | er |
shall | be: *
world | with- | out | end. | A- | men.
Antiphon: || **Let the peoples | praise | You, | O | God; ***
Let all | the | peo- | ples | praise | You.

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