Welcome to Trinity

#69 Art. IV "Justification" of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession.

Reply to the arguments of our opponents.

Having now set for the true principles of this subject, namely, **the difference between the law and the divine promises**, it is easy to refute the objections of our opponents. They introduce passages relating to the law and good works; those, however, which speak of the promises of God, they omit. But to all their quotations concerning the law, it may be briefly replied, that the law cannot be kept without Christ; and although works, externally good, may be performed without Christ, still God has no pleasure, on that account, in the person performing them. Hence those teaching, or **preaching of good works, should always add, that faith must precede, that God accepts them solely for the sake of faith in Christ, and that these works are fruits and testimonies of faith.**

This doctrine which we maintain is very explicit, and will bear the light, and a comparison with the holy Scriptures. It is here also clearly and correctly presented to those who desire information, and do not wilfully deny the truth. In order properly to understand the benefits of Christ and the great treasure of the Gospel ; (which Paul so highly extols,) it is necessary for us to separate, as far from each other as heaven and earth, the promises of God and the proffered grace, on the one hand, and the law on the other. A desperate cause requires many and various comments ; but in a good cause, one or two thorough expositions generally solve all imagined objections. So in the case before us, this one solution explains all the passages which are quoted against us, namely, that no one can properly keep the law without Christ, and that, though external good works are performed, we are not acceptable to God without Christ ; for we maintain that the Scriptures hold forth **these two doctrines of the law and the promises of grace.** (Henkel Translation, p. 190-191).

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

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, Whose mercies are new unto us every morning, 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: "Unthankful" (Psalm 100:3 & Romans 1:20-21)

I. The Depths of Un-Thankfulness

1. Natural Knowledge of God
   a. Creation teaches God _____
   b. Conscience teaches God is _____
2. Two Sides of the Coin
   a. The fools in Romans 1:20-21 did not _____ God.
   b. Nor were they _____
3. They deny Who God is: _____
   and Who we are: _____.
4. The reasons men deny the reality of natural knowledge
   a. The desire to live an immoral life.
   b. The riches of life cause them to _____.

II. The Response of the Triune God toward Un-Thankfulness

1. He shows _____ to the unthankful and evil (Lk 6:35)
2. …with the blessed purpose of bringing them to _____.
3. He desires that we show love & kindness to the unthankful.

III. Show Yourself to be a Son of your Loving Father

1. We are included in the unthankful.
2. Let the kindness of God lead you to _____ and the _____ of the life of thankfulness.
3. Forgetfulness can _____ our thankfulness.

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from ASBH The Psalter

+ "O Lord, open my lips… p.7
+ **Invitatory (p.8):**
  V: O come, let us worship the Lord;
  R. For He is our Maker.
+ Venite Exultemus…. p. 10-11
  (*Invitatory repeated*)
+ Office HYMN.....**#443**
  "Now Thank We All Our God"

Psalmody
(Pastor odd verses, Cong. Even)
Psalm 100…… (insert)
HYMN #493 "Sing to the…
Psalm 121…… (insert)
HYMN #311 "Lift High the…
Psalm 67…… (insert)

Lection
Isaiah 26:1-12, 1 Timothy 2:1-8
After each lesson "But, thou, O Lord..." p.11

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"Forever, O Lord…"
Sermon

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Special Prayers
Thanksgiving Day Prayer (back)
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+ HYMN #501 "God of Our Fathers"
Announcements

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.

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Thanksgiving Day



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:358 2 Kings 16/17)
Ahaz Riegns in Judah, Sacrificing at High Places

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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.

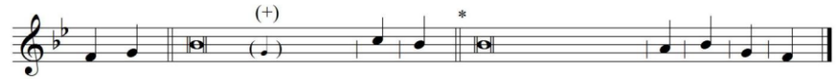
1 Timothy 2:1-8

[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

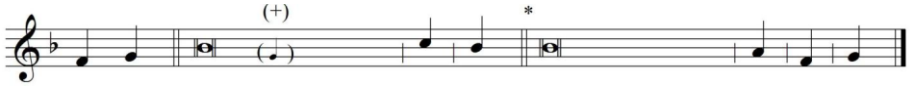


Antiphon: MAKE A || joyful shout to the | Lord, | - *
— | all | you | lands! | -

|| 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 #493 "Sing To the Lord of Harvest"

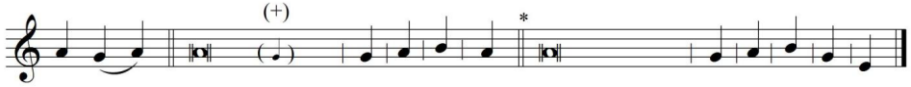
Psalm 121—*Levavi oculos*
Psalm Tone II



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 #311 "Lift High the Cross"

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.

The service continues with **the readings** on the next page, followed by the **General Responsory on page 12-13**.