

CALL TO THANKSGIVING

* **Call to Give Thanks:** *Psalm 95:1-3*

* **Call to Worship:**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come #392:1,2,4 (HFG)

Come, ye thankful people, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth 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 tares together sown, unto joy or sorrows 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.

Even so Lord, quickly come to Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in free from sorrow free from sin;
There forever purified, in Thy presence to abide.
Come, with all Thine angels come;
Raise the glorious harvest home.

* **God's Greeting**

* ***Let All Things Now Living*** #389:1,2 (HFG)

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guideth us on to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
'Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces; the stars in their courses
The sun in His orbit, obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
'Til all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

* indicates to stand if able

* ***We Praise You, O God***

#237:1,2,3 (PH)

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 life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'er take us, you never forsake us.
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer;
Our songs of thanksgiving to you we now raise.
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us.
To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Congregational Thanksgiving: *I am thankful for...*

Father,
as we gather around our tables today we thank thee:
for Thy great gift of life,
that Thy love for us is not dependent
upon any unworthiness of ours,
for good health, that we know neither hunger nor want,
for warm clothes to wear,
for those who love us best,
for friends whose words of encouragement
have often chased away dark clouds,
for the zest of living,
for many an answered prayer,
for kindly providences that have preserved us
from danger and harm.
We thank Thee that still we live in a land
bountifully able to supply all our needs,
a land which still by Thy Providence knows peace,
whose skies are not darkened
by the machines of the enemy,
whose fields and woodlands are still unblasted
by the flames of war,
a land with peaceful valleys
and smiling meadows still serene.
O help us to appreciate all that we have,
to be content with it, to be grateful for it.
In Thy name, to whose bounty we owe
these blessings spread before us today,
to You we give our gratitude. Amen

SHARING IN THANKSGIVING

We Plow the Field and Scatter

#456:1,2,3 (PH)

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land.
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain: All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above
Then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord for all his love.

He only is the maker of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower, He lights the evening star.
The wind and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children, He gives our daily bread.

Refrain

We thank you, our Creator, for all things bright and good:
The seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer for all your love imparts;
Accept what you most welcome,
Our humble, thankful hearts! *Refrain*

Offering: Thanksgiving Envelopes

(All loose money and unmarked envelopes will go
towards the First CRC Tuition Assistance Fund.)

Offertory Ministry of Music

Morning Prayer

THE WORD WITH THANKSGIVING

* ***Now Thank We All Our God***

#525:1,2,3 (HFG)

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath 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.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world in the next.

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. AMEN

* **Scripture:** *Romans 1:20-22 (ESV)* pg. 1177

²⁰For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.²¹For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²²Claiming to be wise, they became fools.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *What Atheists Can't Say*

* ***In All Things Give Him Thanks***

And in all things give Him thanks,
And in all things let your gratitude shine through.
And in all things give Him thanks,
For He has given all things unto you.
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GOING OUT WITH THANKSGIVING

* **God's Blessing**

* ***Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*** #637 (PH)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen.

Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary. The sanctuary is equipped with an assistive listening system. Please switch hearing aids to "T" to use this system.

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What Atheists Can't Say

Romans 1:20-22

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THANKS
to the **LORD**
for He
IS GOOD
His
endures **LOVE**
FOREVER
Psalms 107:1

Thanksgiving Day

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
November 23, 2017
10:00 a.m. Worship Service