

# Thanksgiving Sunday / Reign of Christ Sunday

November 21, 2021

10 am

## GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Pre-Service Music

Northside Chapel Praise Band

Pre-Service Bumper

Prelude

Improvisation on *Now Thank We All Our God*  
& *Come, Ye Thankful People Come*

Andy Potts

Arr. Lloyd Larson & Hal H. Hopson

Welcome

Call to Worship

*By the Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:

**Make known God's deeds among the peoples!**

God blesses us with gifts of love,

**with food and clothing, home and family.**

God blesses us with daily work

**and all we need from day to day.**

God protects us in time of danger

**and guards us from every evil.**

God calls us into relationship with him

**and forms us into one holy people,**

**the Body of Christ on earth.**

Therefore let us offer thanks and praise to the Lord our God:

**O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever!**

Opening Song

*Forever*

Northside Chapel Praise Band

Chris Tomlin

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Verse 1

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King; His love endures forever

For He is good He is above all things; His love endures forever; Sing praise, sing praise

Verse 2

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; His love endures forever

For the life that's been reborn; His love endures forever; Sing praise, sing praise

Pre-Chorus

Sing praise, sing praise

Chorus

Forever God is faithful; Forever God is strong; Forever God is with us; Forever (forever)

Verse 3

From the rising to the setting sun; His love endures forever

And by the grace of God we will carry on; His love endures forever;

Sing praise, sing praise

Pre-Chorus & Chorus (x2)

### Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Loving and gracious God, Your blessings are countless and Your love is never-ending. As we gather in Your name, help us to call to mind all the wondrous things You have done for us. Remind us, too, of Your grace to us in Jesus. Give us grateful hearts - not just in this season of Thanksgiving, but always - so that we might continually honor You with our lives. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### A Message for Young Disciples

Cara Norris

### Prayers of the People

#### The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

### Anthem

#### *The Prayer*

Chancel Singers

Soloists: Barb Rhodes & Kim Moon

Carole Bayer Sager | David Foster | arr. Tom Fettke

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## Proclamation and Response

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### Scripture Reading

Psalm 107 (NIV)

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

Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.

Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle. They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away. Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and

his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

Some sat in darkness, in utter darkness, prisoners suffering in iron chains, because they rebelled against God's commands and despised the plans of the Most High. So he subjected them to bitter labor; they stumbled, and there was no one to help. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He brought them out of darkness, the utter darkness, and broke away their chains. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he breaks down gates of bronze and cuts through bars of iron.

Some became fools through their rebellious ways and suffered affliction because of their iniquities. They loathed all food and drew near the gates of death. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind. Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy.

Some went out on the sea in ships; they were merchants on the mighty waters. They saw the works of the Lord, his wonderful deeds in the deep. For he spoke and stirred up a tempest that lifted high the waves. They mounted up to the heavens and went down to the depths; in their peril their courage melted away. They reeled and staggered like drunkards; they were at their wits' end. Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed. They were glad when it grew calm, and he guided them to their desired haven. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind. Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.

He turned rivers into a desert, flowing springs into thirsty ground, and fruitful land into a salt waste, because of the wickedness of those who lived there. He turned the desert into pools of water and the parched ground into flowing springs; there he brought the hungry to live, and they founded a city where they could settle. They sowed fields and planted vineyards that yielded a fruitful harvest; he blessed them, and their numbers greatly increased, and he did not let their herds diminish.

Then their numbers decreased, and they were humbled by oppression, calamity and sorrow; he who pours contempt on nobles made them wander in a trackless waste. But he lifted the needy out of their affliction and increased their families like flocks. The upright see and rejoice, but all the wicked shut their mouths.

Let the one who is wise heed these things and ponder the loving deeds of the Lord.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

## All: Thanks be to God!

Message

*The Wisdom of Gratitude*

Pastor Jen Eschliman

## Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Response

*The Goodness of God*

Diana Fay Williams

Ben Fielding | Brian Johnson | Ed Cash | Jason Ingram | Jenn Johnson

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## Closing Prayer

Closing Song

*Now Thank We All Our God*

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### Verse 1

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices  
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices  
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today

### Verse 2

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 still in grace, and guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills, in this world and the next

### Verse 3

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

## Sending Forth

### Announcements

- **Setting up Christmas Tree in the Sanctuary – Next Sunday after worship – many hands make light work! Come join us!**
- **Gift Cards orders will be taken for the next 4 weeks – through December 13<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Cookie Walk with Pretzels is BACK! Sunday December 12<sup>th</sup>**
- **Alternative Christmas – details are in the bulletin and at the Welcome desk in the Narthex**
- **Christmas Services**

### Benediction

Postlude

Trio on "*Kremser*"

Andy Potts

Arr. John S. Dixon