



I WILL  
**GIVE**  
**THANKS**  
TO YOU, LORD

PSALM 9:1



# MESSIAH

**Thanksgiving**  
Wednesday, November 27, 2024

**Today's Theme:**

**SONGS OF THANKS**

How do we respond to God's goodness? We say thanks in different ways! Tonight, as we consider the different ways God has blessed us, we respond with songs of thanks. Whether we literally sing or not, our lives can sing praises and thanks to God for all he does. He showers us with many physical blessings. He is our unchanging constant in a constantly changing world. He brings blessings beyond this temporary world and gives salvation to all who believe. Let's sing songs of thanks for all these blessings!

**Welcome to Messiah**

**Restrooms** are located in the fellowship hall. Exit the sanctuary turn right, and go through the double doors.

**Quiet room.** Children are always welcome in worship and we love hearing their little voices. However, if needed, a quiet room is located in the fellowship hall. Turn right when exiting the sanctuary and the quiet room will be on the left.

**Ushers** are available in the entry way to answer any additional questions you may have.

## Call to Worship

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit  
**Amen**

Let us sing our thanks to God;  
**it is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of Jesus Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light for our path, and you are the light and life of all creation.  
**Amen.**

## Give Thanks

### *Refrain*

***Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ, His Son*** (repeat)

### Verse

And now let the weak say, "I am strong."  
Let the poor say, "I am rich"  
Because of what  
the Lord has done for us (repeat)

***Refrain*** (2 times)

Verse (2 times)

### ***Ending***

Give thanks, give thanks

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## Sing of God's Providence

Genesis 8:18–22

<sup>18</sup>So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. <sup>19</sup>All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on land—came out of the ark, one kind after another.

<sup>20</sup>Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. <sup>21</sup>The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.

<sup>22</sup>"As long as the earth endures,  
seedtime and harvest,  
cold and heat,  
summer and winter,  
day and night  
will never cease."

## Now Thank We All Our God

CW 597

- 1 Now thank we all our God  
with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has 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.
- 2 Oh, 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 and the next.
- 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 heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

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## Sing of God's Changelessness

James 1:16–18

<sup>16</sup>Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup>Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup>He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

CW 602

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. **(Refrain)**

### *Refrain*

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **(Refrain)**

- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **(Refrain)**

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## Sing of Christ's Salvation

Luke 19:1–10

<sup>1</sup>Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup>A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup>He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

<sup>5</sup>When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” <sup>6</sup>So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

<sup>7</sup>All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

<sup>8</sup>But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

<sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

## Ten Thousand Reasons

CW 607

- 1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;  
it's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes.
- 2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.  
Your name is great, and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing—  
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *(Refrain)*

### *Refrain*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;  
worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul;  
I'll worship your holy name.*

- 3 And on that day when my strength is failing,  
the end draws near, and my time has come;  
still my soul will sing your praise unending—  
ten thousand years and then forevermore. *(Refrain x 2)*

### *Ending*

*Worship Your holy name  
Lord I 'll worship your holy name.*

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## Prayer and 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 and ever. Amen.**

## Blessing

Let us praise the Lord:  
**thanks be to God.**

May God the Father bless us and keep us,  
may Christ be ever light for our lives,  
may the Spirit of Love be our guide and path,  
for all of our days.  
**Amen.**

## Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

CW 617

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

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## Offering

*Plate in church lobby*

*This Year's Thanksgiving Service Offering will be designated for Messiah's care fund. The care fund is part of our annual budget and is intended to assist members and friends of Messiah with various needs. Funds from the care fund will assist a member who is undergoing intensive surgery and will have a long road to recovery.*

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## SERVING AT WORSHIP

Pastor  
Accompanist  
Song Leader  
Cameras  
Projection

Justin Gran  
Emily Gran  
Amy Hall  
Gabi Coatsworth  
Ricky Arteaga

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Christmas Tree Lighting, November 30, 5-6 p.m.**

Messiah will once again have a presence at the ceremony. This year, we'll sing Christmas carols for passers by before the ceremony. We'll also hand out goodie bags and invitations to our Christmas services. If you're able to lend a hand or a voice please speak with Adam or Tasha Dick.

### **Decorating the church for Christmas**

On Saturday, November 30, at 9:00 a.m. we will gather to decorate the church for Christmas. We welcome all hands to assist with making the church beautiful for the season.

