



# Harvest Festival 2009

August 9, 2009

## Call to Worship (Psalm 67)

- P: We begin our service of Thanksgiving in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.  
C: (Spoken) Amen.
- P: God be merciful to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us. That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.  
C: Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.
- P: Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, And govern the nations on earth.  
C: Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.
- P: Then the earth shall yield her increase; God, our own God, shall bless us.  
C: God shall bless us, And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

## - Opening Prayer -

### Opening Hymn 574

*"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*

1. Come, ye thankful people, come;  
Raise the song of Harvest-home.  
All be 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.

2. All the world is God's own field,  
Fruit unto His praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown,  
Unto joy or sorrow 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.
3. For the Lord, our God, shall come  
And shall take His harvest home;  
From His field shall in that day  
All offences purge away;  
Give His angels charge at last  
In the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store  
In His garner evermore.
4. 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 garner to abide.  
Come with all Thine angels, come,  
Raise the glorious Harvest-home. AMEN.

## - Confession of Sins -

- P: Dear Friends in Christ, aware of God's providence and grace, let us bow down before God to confess our sins and receive forgiveness.
- ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, desires, words and actions. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We pray: In Your mercy forgive what we have done, amend what we do, and direct what we shall do; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, giving thanks in all circumstances through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: Friends, hear the Good News: By the command of our Savior Jesus, in His place and in His name, your sins are forgiven! Because of Jesus' perfect life, innocent death, and resurrection God remembers our sin no more. Through faith in Christ Jesus we have been reconciled unto God.  
C: All glory be to God! Amen.

Response: Hymn 27:1, 3

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!  
Let all within me join  
And aid my tongue to bless His name  
Whose favors are divine.

'Tis He forgives thy sins;  
'Tis He relieves thy pain;  
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses  
And makes thee young again.

P: LET US PRAY: Almighty God, most merciful Father, who opens Your hand and satisfies the desire of every living thing, we give You most humble and hearty thanks that You have crowned the fields with Your blessing and have permitted us once more to gather the fruits of Your earth; and we beg You to bless and protect the living seed of Your Word sown in our hearts that in the plenteous fruits of righteousness we may always present to You an acceptable thank-offering; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C: (Spoken) "AMEN"

- Our Direction from God -

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 - "And it shall be, when you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you possess it and dwell in it, 2 "that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground, which you shall bring from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and put it in a basket and go to the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide. 3 "And you shall go to the one who is priest in those days, and say to

him, 'I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the country which the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.' 4 "Then the priest shall take the basket out of your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. 5 "And you shall answer and say before the LORD your God: 'My father was a Syrian, about to perish, and he went down to Egypt and dwelt there, few in number; and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. 6 'But the Egyptians mistreated us, afflicted us, and laid hard bondage on us. 7 "Then we cried out to the LORD God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and looked on our affliction and our labor and our oppression. 8 'So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. 9 'He has brought us to this place and has given us this land, "a land flowing with milk and honey"; 10 'and now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land which you, O LORD, have given me.' Then you shall set it before the LORD your God, and worship before the LORD your God. 11 "So you shall rejoice in every good thing which the LORD your God has given to you and your house, you and the Levite and the stranger who is among you.

Our Harvest Psalm:

Psalm 103 (Selected verses)

P: Bless the LORD, O my soul;  
C: And all that is within me, bless His holy name!  
P: Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
C: And forget not all His benefits:  
P: Who forgives all your iniquities,  
C: Who heals all your diseases,  
P: Who redeems your life from destruction,  
C: Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,  
P: Who satisfies your mouth with good things,  
C: So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.  
P: The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
C: Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.  
P: He has not dealt with us according to our sins,  
C: Nor punished us according to our iniquities.

P: For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
 C: So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;  
 P: As far as the east is from the west,  
 C: So far has He removed our transgressions from us.  
 P: The LORD has established His throne in heaven,  
 C: And His kingdom rules over all.  
 P: Bless the LORD, you His angels,  
 C: Who excel in strength,  
 P: Who do His word,  
 C: Heeding the voice of His word.  
 P: Bless the LORD, all you His hosts,  
 C: You ministers of His, who do His pleasure.  
 P: Bless the LORD, all His works,  
 C: In all places of His dominion.  
 ALL: Bless the LORD, O my soul!\_\_\_\_\_

Response: Hymn 27:2

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul,  
 Nor let His mercies lie  
 Forgotten in unthankfulness  
 And without praises die!

*- Adult Choir -*

Luke 12:16-31 - Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. 17 "And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' 18 "So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 19 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" 20 "But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' 21 "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." 22 Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. 23 "Life is

more than food, and the body is more than clothing. 24 "Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds? 25 "And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? 26 "If you then are not able to do the least, why are you anxious for the rest? 27 "Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28 "If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith? 29 "And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. 30 "For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. 31 "But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.

- Confession of Our Faith -

*Luther's Explanation of the First Article*

I believe that God has made me with all creatures, giving me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my faculties;

And that He still preserves me; therefor richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, cattle, and all my goods, and all that I need to keep my body and life; defending me against all danger, and guarding and protecting me from all evil;

And all this purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me;

For all of which it is my duty to thank and praise, and to serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

1. How can I thank Thee, Lord,  
For all Thy loving-kindness,  
That Thou hast patiently  
Borne with me in my blindness?  
When dead in many sins  
And trespasses I lay,  
I kindled, holy God,  
Thine anger every day.

2. It is Thy work alone  
That I am now converted;  
O'er Satan's work in me  
Thou hast Thy power asserted.  
Thy mercy and Thy grace  
That rise afresh each morn  
Have turned my stony heart  
Into a heart new-born.

5. Grant that Thy Spirit's help  
To me be always given  
Lest I should fall again  
And lose the way to heaven;  
That He may give me strength  
In mine infirmity  
And e'er renew my heart  
To serve Thee willingly.

6. Oh, guide and lead me, Lord,  
While here below I wander  
That I may follow Thee  
Till I shall see Thee yonder.  
For if I led myself,  
I soon would go astray;  
But if Thou ledest me,  
I keep the narrow way.

7. O Father, God of Love,  
Hear Thou my supplication;  
O Savior, Son of God,  
Grant me Thy full salvation;  
And Thou, O Holy Ghost,  
Be Thou my faithful Guide  
That I may serve Thee here  
And there with Thee abide. Amen

*- The Sermon -*

Psalm 116:12-14 What shall I render to the LORD For all His benefits toward me? 13 I will take up the cup of salvation, And call upon the name of the LORD. 14 I will pay my vows to the LORD Now in the presence of all His people.

"How Can I Thank Thee, Lord?"

- Consider ALL His benefits toward us  
- Thank and praise Him publicly

*How can I repay the LORD  
for all his goodness to me?*

*Psalm 116:12, 13*



- The Offertory -

P: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. Amen. (James 1:17)

Hymn 793

*"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"*

(Melody: Hymn 279)

1. Sing to the Lord of harvest,  
Sing songs of love and praise;  
With joyful hearts and voices  
Your alleluias raise.  
By him the rolling seasons  
In fruitful order move;  
Sing to the Lord of harvest  
A joyous song of love.
2. God makes the clouds rain goodness,  
The deserts bloom and spring,  
The hills leap up in gladness,  
The valleys laugh and sing.  
God fills them with his fullness,  
All things with large increase;  
He crowns the year with blessing,  
With plenty and with peace.
3. Bring to this sacred altar  
The gifts his goodness gave,  
The golden sheaves of harvest,  
The souls Christ died to save.  
Your hearts lay down before him  
When at his feet you fall,  
And with your lives adore him  
Who gave his life for all. AMEN.

- The Offering of Thankful Hearts -  
and  
- The Prayers and Lord's Prayer -



P: *The Benediction*

C: (Spoken) **AMEN.**

Closing Hymn

*"Thanksgiving" (Melody: 427)*

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1. Thank God for the blessings He richly hath shown -  
For flowers and trees and the crops which have grown,  
For comforts and wants which His hand e'er provides,  
In mercy and wisdom our pathway He guides.
2. Thank God for the world He so wondrously formed,  
With beauty and loveliness freely adorned.  
Rejoice with the hills and the trees of the wood,  
Give thanks to the Father, so gracious and good!
3. Thank God for the loved ones  
which makes life more blest,  
For seasons of striving and toiling - and rest.  
Thank God for the peace which our land doth now fill,  
For lessons in brotherly love and good will.
4. Thank God, yes, come, praise Him  
though blessings seem few,  
Recount all His benefits given to you.  
Oh! we do not merit the love He hath poured.  
Through Christ, then, with grateful hearts  
"praise ye the Lord." Amen.

WELCOME TO YOU ALL! We rejoice that you were able to join us this morning as we raise our voices in thanksgiving. We pray that you might ever desire to learn more about the God from whom all blessings flow - especially the gift of life and salvation in His Son, Jesus Christ. If you are visiting and would like to learn more about our church, our teachings, or today's service please speak with the pastor. We hope you may be able to join us again!

TODAY'S SCHEDULE Following our service this morning we will be having Bible Trivia to test your knowledge of God's Word. We hope you will stay and join in the fun and fellowship. At noon (roughly) we will begin serving our turkey-potluck dinner. If you did not bring a dish to share, fear not! There is always plenty to go around. We hope you will stay!

THANK YOU! We wish to thank everyone who aided in our Harvest Festival service this morning. Thank you to Marvin and Gweneth Hansen for once again making their farm available for our service of thanksgiving and praise. Thank you to our musicians who added to our service - Gwen Hansen on keyboard, Tamar Pfeiffer on flute, and Cindy Odenbach who accompanied the adult choir. Thank you most of all for the LORD for His incredible benefits to us!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL This last week the great Shepherd of the Sheep, Jesus, blessed the gathering of His precious little lambs in our Vacation Bible School. There were eleven souls present. The theme was "I Believe that Jesus Christ is My Lord!" They learned about Jesus' birth, baptism, temptation, teaching, forgiving, healing, death, resurrection, ascension, and return. We thank those who gave of their time to lead these lambs to Jesus - Shelly, Erica, and Gwen (K-1); Tamar (3-5); Pastor (7-8); Nancy (crafts); and Judy (food). Next Sunday the children will be singing the hymn they learned (Beautiful Savior).

THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE -

Today 11:15 Bible Trivia  
12:00 Harvest Dinner

Monday-Tuesday

Pastoral Study Club in Bismarck, ND

Tuesday, Aug 15

7:30 Make-up Softball game

Friday - Saturday

Softball Tournament in Aberdeen

Sunday, August 16 - 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

9:00 Worship Service  
10:15 Gospels Study

Those who bring  
thanksgiving as their  
sacrifice honor me.

Psalm 50:23



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