

The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103

**Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, my soul; and forget not all his benefits—
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion.**

We Offer our Gifts

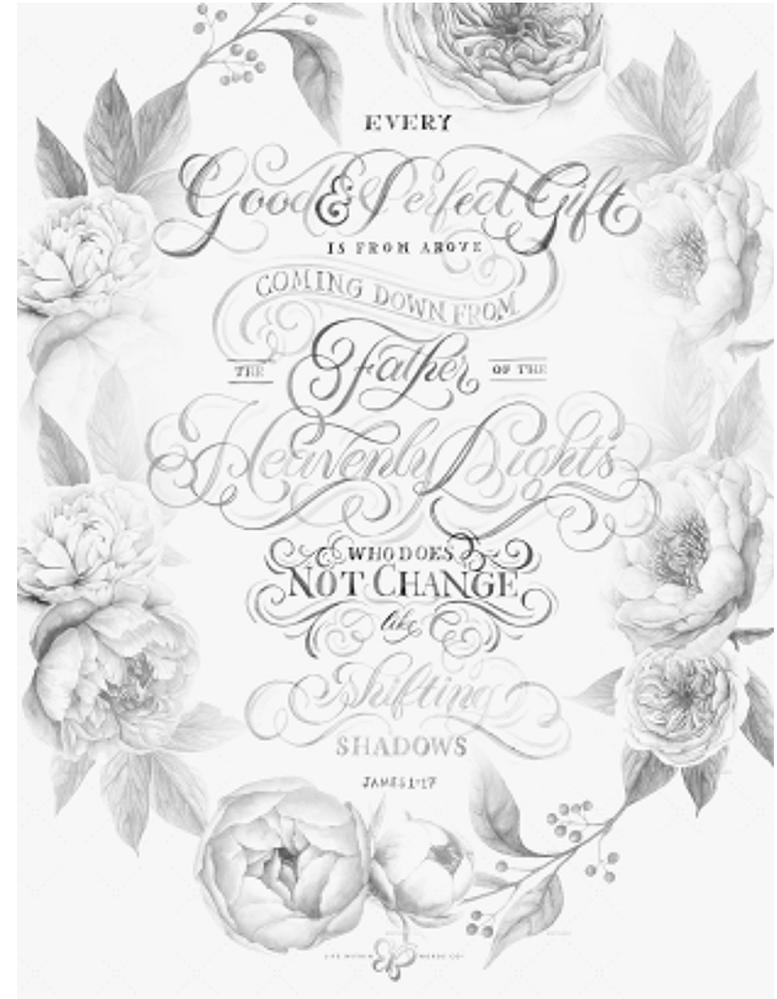
Our gifts to Covenant's Compassion Fund provide monetary support to our members who have financial needs.

Offertory Song: "What the Lord Has Done in Me" LUYH 800

We are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "We Receive Your Blessing" LUYH 947



Ordinary time refers to the Sundays between Pentecost and Advent, a season in the liturgical year of growth in the life of the church.

Creator God, garden my life—turn it over, cultivate it, and make it ready for gospel seeds to take root. And in quiet darkness let the gospel do its work, slow but powerful, stirring up life in my heart, increasing joy, strengthening all your graces, until shoots of new life rise and good fruit bursts forth on the branches of my life, a life beautiful for you and a blessing to others. Amen. (Prayer from Seeking God's Face by Philip F. Reinders)

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God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

*Call to Worship:

Revelation 15:3-4

Great and marvelous are your deeds,
Lord God Almighty!

**Just and true are your ways,
King of the ages.**

Who will not fear you, O Lord,
and bring glory to your name?

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come and worship you!

*Opening Song: "Build Your Kingdom Here"

Verse 1

*Come set Your rule and reign
in our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray.
Unveil why we're made.
Come set our hearts ablaze
with hope
like wildfire in our very souls;
Holy Spirit come invade us now.
We are Your church;
we need Your pow'r in us.*

Verse 2

*We seek Your kingdom first.
We hunger and we thirst;
refuse to waste our lives,
for You're our joy and prize.
To see the captives' hearts released;
the hurt the sick the poor at peace.
We lay down our lives
for heaven's cause.
We are Your church;
we pray revive this earth.*

Chorus

*Build Your kingdom here.
Let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand.
Heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire.
Win this nation back.
Change the atmosphere.
Build Your kingdom here, we pray.*

Verse 3

*Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r,
reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty, changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this;
awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love
of Christ.
We are Your church;
we are the hope on earth. (chorus)*

Preparing the Table

All things come from you, O Lord.

And of our own, we have given you.

We bring bread; **you give your body.**

We bring wine; **you give your blood.**

We bring our offerings; **yours is the sacrifice.**

Let us bring our gifts to be prepared for the communion feast of our Lord.

*Hymn of Praise: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" LUYH 965

Trinitarian Invocation

Is the Father with us? **The Father is with us!**

Is Christ among us? **Christ is among us!**

Is the Spirit here? **The Spirit is here!**

This is our God: **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

We are God's people. **We are redeemed.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

...Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels
and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name:

*(sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.* LUYH 810

The Institution

...Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

(sung) Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. LUYH 810

Prayer of Consecration

...We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Distribution of the Elements

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "Send Us Your Spirit" LUYH 228 (chorus only)

Children ages 3 years old through Kindergarten are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive a prayer of blessing before going downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture: John 18:28-40 p.1682

Sermon: "What Is Truth" Rev. Harry Weidenaar

*Song of Response: "Lift High the Cross" LUYH 264:1,3,6

We Offer Our Gifts and Our Prayers

Offertory Prayer

Offering of our Gifts

Each week at Covenant we receive a monetary offering to support the mission and ministry of the church. This morning's offering will support the Christian Education Fund which provides funds for the education of our children at one of our local Christian schools to help keep tuition down to a level that is affordable for most of our families.

We Celebrate Communion

At Covenant, we believe that this is not the table of Covenant Christian Reformed Church; it is not the table of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, it is the table of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We therefore invite all who believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior to come to the table to be fed and nourished. We also believe that this is a family meal. If your children have shown an interest in taking communion, please contact your elder who would be happy to talk through that with them. This morning we will pass the elements through the rows. If you are in need of gluten-free bread, please indicate that to the servers.

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Affirmation of Faith: Colossians 1:12-18 LUYH 16

*Song of Affirmation: "The First Place" LUYH 15

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession: Hebrews 4:14, 16

Silent Prayers of Confession

Song : "Lord, I Need You"

Verse 1

Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.

Without You I fall apart. You're the One that guides my heart.

Chorus

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.

Every hour I need You.

My one defense, my righteousness;

Oh God, how I need you.

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.

Where grace is found is where You are.

And where You are, Lord, I am free.

Holiness is Christ in me. (chorus)

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You

When temptation comes my way.

And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You.

Jesus, You're my hope and stay (chorus)

Assurance of Pardon: I Peter 2:24