

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: "Baptized in Christ"

LUYH 846:1-5

St.1-2 will be sung by the praise team, Congregation sings st.3-5

We are Sent with God's Blessing

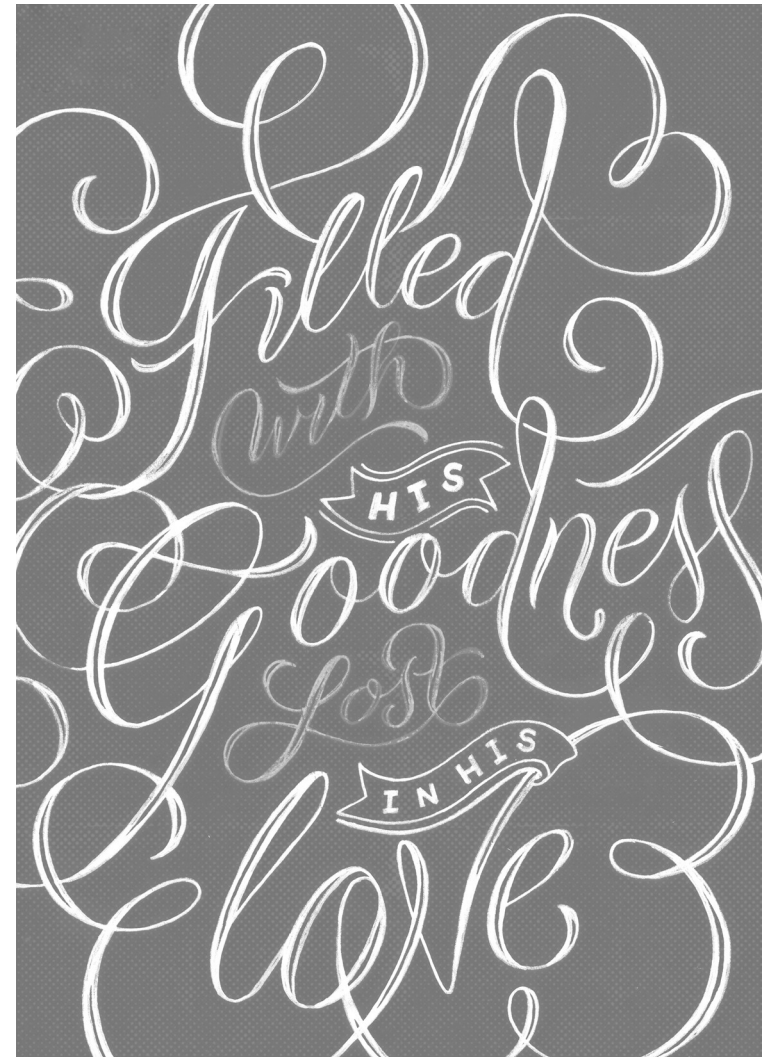
*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Baptized in Christ"

LUYH 846:6

Ordinary Time

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

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God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

*Call to Worship: Psalm 99:1-5

The Lord reigns,

let the nations tremble;

he sits enthroned between the cherubim,

let the earth shake.

Great is the Lord in Zion;

he is exalted over all the nations.

Let them praise your great and awesome name—

he is holy.

The King is mighty, he loves justice—

you have established equity;

in Jacob you have done what is just and right.

Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.

*Songs of Praise: “The Lord Is King, Enthroned in Might” LUYH 726:1,3
 “Open the Eyes of My Heart” LUYH 537

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song of Praise: “He Is Exalted”

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high: I will praise him.

He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name!

He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign;

heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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We Are Renewed in God’s Grace

Call to Confession: I John 2:7-11 p.1899

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and one another

in both our actions and inactions.

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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:

Song: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” LUYH 538:1

The Institution

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

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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: “We Will Feast”

Chorus: We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

He has done great things, we will say together.

We will feast and weep no more.

1. We will not be burned by the fire, he is the Lord our God

We are not consumed by the flood,

upheld, protected, gathered up. (Chorus)

2. In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid.

For the promised morning, oh how long?

Oh God of Jacob, be my strength. (Chorus)

3. Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed, you are the faithful one.

And from the garden to the grave,

bind us together, bring shalom. (Chorus)

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Scripture: Luke 9:28-45

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Sermon: "Jesus, Lord in Two Worlds"

Rev. Duane Tinklenberg

We Respond with Thanksgiving

*Song of Response: "I Serve a Risen Savior"

LUYH 365

Offertory Prayer and 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 Tuition Assistance Fund, which helps support families who otherwise would still not be able to meet the financial obligations of Christian education.

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.

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.**

We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives.

(Time of silent confession)

Illuminated by your Word and sacrament,

may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. **Amen**

Assurance of Pardon: I John 1:5,7

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Song of Assurance: "Arise, Shine for Your Light Has Come"

**1. Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of God is on you.
Arise, see, when the earth grows dark, that the Lord will arise upon you.
The Lord will arise upon you.**

Chorus: Nations will come to your light; lift up your eyes and see.

We'll gather together and come to you

and your love will be all that we know.

Your love will be all that we know.

**2. Arise, come to the open gates, for the Father is welcoming you.
Fear not, for the Lord brings peace and redemption to all who believe,
redemption to all who believe.**

Chorus 2: Nations will come to your light; lift up your eyes and see.

We'll gather together and come to you

and your love will be all that we know.

Your love will be all that we know.

**The sun will not shine 'cause you'll be all the light that we need
and violence will end; all the wars that we wage will cease
We will glorify your name; we will glorify your name.**

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God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "O God, You Are My God"

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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.