

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.**

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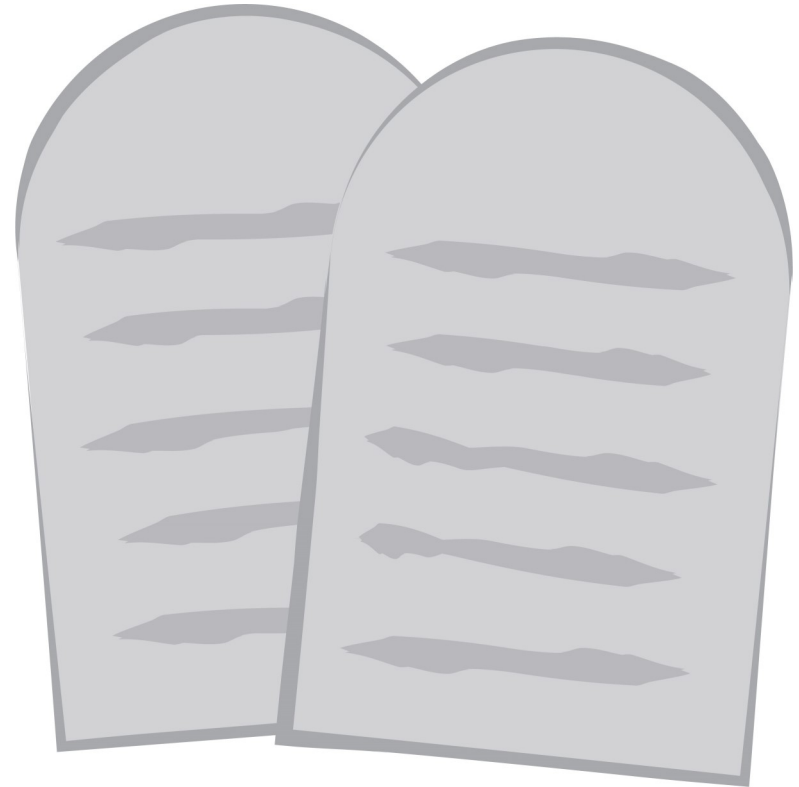
\*Benediction

\*Song: "Be Thou My Vision"

LUYH 859:1,2,4

Postlude: "For God So Loved the World"

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### Worship Participants

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### Exodus 20:1-3

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

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## God Gathers Us for Worship

Prelude: "Fantasia" J.S. Bach  
 "Lift High the Cross" D. Busarow

Welcome

\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 19:1-6) p.858

\*Song: "We Will Extol You, God and King" LUYH 562:1,3,4

\*Opening Prayer

\*Song: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" LUYH 348

\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

## We Are Reconciled and Renewed

Call to Confession: "Return to God"

The Psalm Reading: Psalm 19:7-14 p.861

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

**The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,  
 making wise the simple.**

The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

**The commands of the Lord are radiant,  
 giving light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

**The decrees of the Lord are firm,  
 and all of them are righteous.**

They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;

**they are sweeter than honey,  
 than honey from the honeycomb.**

By them your servant is warned;

**in keeping them there is great reward.**

But who can discern their own errors?

Forgive my hidden faults.

Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me.

Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

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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.

Song: "Come to Us, Beloved Stranger" LUYH 207:1,2

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks for the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

The Institution: I Corinthians 11

The Consecration

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restore our life.**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Prayer of Consecration, concluding with 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

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

The Invitation

*We invite you to come to the communion station closest to you, leaving your row to the left and moving clockwise. We ask that you take the bread and juice back to your seats and we will eat and drink together after all are served.*

The Communion: "Amazing Grace"

M. Rotermund

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-19

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Sermon: "The Best Way to Live"

Pastor Joel Kok

## We Respond in Faith

\*Song of Response: "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"

LUYH 43

\*We Profess Our Faith: Our World Belongs to God

The Lord promised to be God  
to Abraham, Sarah, and their children,  
calling them to walk faithfully before him  
and blessing the nations through them.  
God chose Israel to show the glory of his name,  
the power of his love, and the wisdom of his ways.

**The Lord gave them the law through Moses  
and led them by rulers and teachers,  
shaping a people in whom God is revealed—  
a light to the nations.**

We rejoice in the goodness of God,  
renounce the works of darkness, and dedicate ourselves to holy living.  
As covenant partners, set free for joyful obedience,  
we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in the world.

**With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended,  
we expect the Day of the Lord.**

**We are confident that the light  
which shines in the present darkness  
will fill the earth when Christ appears.**

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Our world belongs to you.**

Prayers for the Church and World

## God Meets Us in the Breaking of the Bread

Preparing the Table

All things come from you, O Lord.

**And of our own, we have given you.**

**May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart  
be pleasing in your sight,  
Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

Song: "Return to God"

**Return to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and mercy;  
come seek the tender faithfulness of God.**

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Prayer of Confession

*Silence*

We confess to you, our God, and before one another  
that we have sinned greatly, in thought, word, and deed.  
We have offended your holiness.  
We have failed to love our neighbor.  
We have followed the devices of our own hearts  
and have spurned the promptings of your Spirit.  
Through our own fault, we have deserved your judgment.  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
who takes away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us and hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news!

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.  
For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus  
has set you free from the law of sin and death.  
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.  
Know that in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you,  
and strengthens you to live a renewed life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## God Speaks to Us through His Word

Children's Blessing: "The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

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Children ages 3 years old through 1st grade are invited to go 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. Parents, we invite you to walk your children downstairs to help get them settled in.