Year A – Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 26, 2026

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 8:1-3, 6-10

---

1 Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may
live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers. 2 And
you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness,
to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His
commandments or not. 3 So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which
you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by
bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.
6 Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to
fear Him. 7 For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of
fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; 8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig
trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey;

9 a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; a land whose
stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper. 10 When you have eaten and are full, then
you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.

Officiant: **The Word of the Lord.**

The People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65

---

1 Praise is awaiting You, O God, in Zion; And to You the vow shall be performed. 2 O You who hear
prayer, To You all flesh will come. 3 Iniquities prevail against me; As for our transgressions, You
will provide atonement for them. 4 Blessed is the man You choose, And cause to approach You, That
he may dwell in Your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Of Your holy
temple.

5 By awesome deeds in righteousness You will answer us, O God of our salvation, You who are the
confidence of all the ends of the earth, And of the far-off seas; 6 Who established the mountains by
His strength, Being clothed with power; 7 You who still the noise of the seas, The noise of their
waves, And the tumult of the peoples. 8 They also who dwell in the farthest parts are afraid of Your
signs; You make the outgoings of the morning and evening rejoice.

9 You visit the earth and water it, You greatly enrich it; The river of God is full of water; You provide
their grain, For so You have prepared it. 10 You water its ridges abundantly, You settle its furrows;

You make it soft with showers, You bless its growth. 11 You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance. 12 They drop on the pastures of the wilderness, And the little
hills rejoice on every side.

13 The pastures are clothed with flocks; The valleys also are covered with grain; They shout for joy,
they also sing.

At the end of the Psalms this is sung or said

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: **
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

New Testament

2 Corinthians 9:10-15

10 Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you
have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, 11 while you are enriched in everything for
all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. 12 For the administration of this service
not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God,

13 while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to
the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men, 14 and by their prayer for
you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. 15 Thanks be to God for His
indescribable gift!

Officiant: **The Word of the Lord.**

The People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 6:25-33

Deacon: *The Lord be with you.*

People: *And also with you. Or And with your spirit.*

Deacon: *May the Lord be on our minds, on our lips, and on our hearts as we hear His Holy Gospel. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.*

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Deacon: *We are reading from Matthew's Gospel chapter 6, beginning at verse 25.*

25 Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor
about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26
Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly
Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 Which of you by worrying can add one

cubit to his stature? 28 So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;

29 and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

After the Gospel reading, the deacon can elevate the book and says:

Deacon: ***The Gospel of the Lord.***

People: *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*