

The Order of Vespers

for Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

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The Lutheran Hymnal, p. 41

Hymn

TLH #36 – Now Thank We All Our God

Stand

Versicles and Responses

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The Psalmody

TLH #663 – Bonum Est Confiteri (Psalm 92)

After the tune has been played through once, the congregation will sing Hymn #663 in unison.

TLH #666 – Jubilate Deo (Psalm 100)

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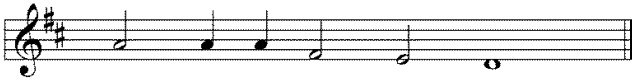
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First Lesson

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

After each Lesson:

P But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



R Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

Second Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

Hymn

TLH #574 – Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

The Sermon

Hymn

TLH #23 – Hallelujah! Let Praises Ring

Stand

Versicle and Response

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The Canticle

The Nunc Dimittis, p.43-44

Thanksgiving Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

THE FOURTH PETITION

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean?

God surely also gives daily bread to all evil people without our petition; but we ask in this prayer that He would allow us to recognize this, and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread?

Everything that pertains to the needs and necessities of this life, such as food, drink, clothes, shoes, house, yard, land, animals, money, property, a godly spouse, godly children, godly servants, godly and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, discipline, honor, good friends, trustworthy neighbors, and the like.

from the Large Catechism

To sum things up, this petition includes everything that belongs to our entire life in the world, for we need daily bread because of life alone. It is not only necessary for our life that our body have food and clothes and other necessities. It is also necessary that we spend our days in peace and quiet among the people with whom we live and have dealings in daily business and conversation and all sorts of doings. In short, this petition applies both to the household and also to the neighborly or civil relationship and government. Where these two things are hindered so that they do not prosper as they should, the necessities of life also are hindered. Ultimately, life cannot be maintained. There is, indeed, the greatest need to pray for earthly authority and government. By them, most of all, God preserves for us our daily bread and all the comforts of this life. Though we have received from God all good things in abundance, we are not able to keep any of them or use them in security and happiness if He did not give us a permanent and peaceful government. For where there are dissension, strife, and war, there the daily bread is already taken away or is at least hindered.