

## A RECIPE FOR THANKSGIVING - #101

From the kitchen of: My Triune God

**Serving size:** Family — **Recipe for:** "Your Father's Love"

### Ingredients:

**Galatians 3:26**, *"For you are all [children] of God through faith in Christ Jesus."*

**Psalm 115:1**, *"Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but to Your name give glory, because of Your great mercy, and because of Your truth."*

**Personal Notes:** I love this recipe. The taste reminds me of times in my life where I wondered what my father or mother really thought about me, by my own measurement, in the amount of time that they spent with me and love shown me. There were times I was too embarrassed to approach them with problems. But I knew they had my best interests at heart.

**Instructions:** First, take 3:26 from Galatians. When your perfect Heavenly Father gives you a bite of this sweet smelling ingredient, remember that He tells you of how He planned this recipe especially for you. He reminds you of His amazing Sacrifice that gave you this key truth through His Son Jesus Christ. As God's child, be confident that He provides and cares for you; and knows what you need before you even ask Him.

Second, take Psalm 115:1. It is vital that when you try to measure God's love in your life, you don't "eye-ball" or "guess" the measurement of His love for you apart from His Word (*this tends to lessen the flavor of the recipe and taint other ingredients*)! Recognize His measurement of love is perfect and unending. In these ingredients and instructions from your Heavenly Father you'll taste and see that "Your Father's Love" is a recipe to be thankful for, for the rest of your life!

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<http://xrl.us/edevotions>



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## PRE-SERVICE PREPARATION:

Introit, Collect and Gradual for “A Day of General or Special Thanksgiving,” pg. 85 in The front of the Red Hymnal.

## Opening Prayer

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new to us every morning, and, though we have in no way deserved Your goodness, You abundantly provide for all our needs of body and soul. Give us, we pray, Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, in glory everlasting.

## HYMN 574 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

P: We begin in the name of the Triune God:

C: for all things are in Your hand,

P: And the glory,

C: for the eyes of all wait on You. Thanks be to You, O God,

P: Forever and ever.

C: Never shall we look to another.

P: Amen.

C: Giving thanks to You for the past, we trust in You for the future and give You thanks in advance.

## Benediction

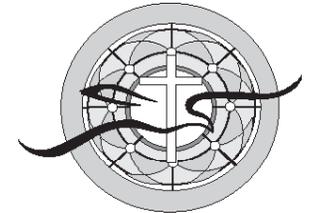
HYMN 653: *Now the Light has Gone Away*

## SILENT PRAYER • ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Announcements

#### PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES:

We welcome all of our guests in our Savior's name. May the Holy Spirit bless your worship this evening, and your Thanksgiving Day. We encourage you to come and worship your Savior with us again. Please sign our guest register.



**A BLESSED THANKSGIVING:** A blessed Thanksgiving to all from Pastor & Ruth. May our Thanksgiving joy renew us in our commitment to serve our Savior as His people here at Peace Thru Christ.

#### THIS SUNDAY:

9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class

10:00 a.m. Family Worship/Advent

**C:** from whom comes every good and perfect gift, and in whom we trust,  
**P:** Hallowed be Thy name;  
**C:** blessed be Your name; may we treasure Your name in our hearts,  
**P:** Thy kingdom come;  
**C:** we treasure Your Word and Gospel above all things that You have given us.  
**P:** Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven,  
**C:** for Your will is always good. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.  
**P:** Give us this day our daily bread  
**C:** as You have always provided for us in the past, teach us to come to You each day for our needs and to be truly thankful to You.  
**P:** And forgive us our trespasses,  
**C:** for if we are in our sins we only pervert Your blessings, but with Your grace in Christ all things are made new.  
**P:** As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
**C:** so let us thank You by forgiveness and kindness to our neighbors;  
**P:** And lead us not into temptation,  
**C:** that we may not abuse Your good gifts,  
**P:** But deliver us from evil,  
**C:** that we may enjoy the better blessings of eternity with You,  
**P:** For Thine is the kingdom  
**C:** where You bestow life and salvation  
**P:** And the power,

**C:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn 19:1 All praise to God, who reigns above,  
The God of all creation,  
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love,  
The God of our salvation!  
With healing balm my soul He fills,  
The God who ev'ry sorrow stills, –  
To God all praise and glory!

### The Confession of Sins

**P:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.  
**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

### Psalm 119:25-32

**P:** My soul clings to the dust; Revive me according to Your word.  
**C:** I have declared my ways, and You answered me; Teach me Your statutes.  
**P:** Make me understand the way of Your precepts; So shall I meditate on Your wonderful works.  
**C:** My soul melts from heaviness; Strengthen me according to Your word.

P: Remove from me the way of lying, And grant me Your law graciously.

**C: I have chosen the way of truth; Your judgments I have laid before me.**

P: I cling to Your testimonies; O LORD, do not put me to shame!

**C: I will run in the way of Your commandments,  
For You shall enlarge my heart.**

**Hymn 19:3 I cried to Him in time of need:  
Lord God, oh, hear my calling!  
For death He gave me life indeed  
And kept my feet from falling.  
For this my thanks shall endless be;  
Oh, thank Him, thank our God with me! –  
To God all praise and glory!**

## **The Forgiveness of Sins**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Psalm 111:2-4, 7-9**

P: The works of the LORD are great, Studied by all who have pleasure in them.

**C: His work is honorable and glorious,  
And His righteousness endures forever.**

P: He has made His wonderful works to be remembered;  
The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

**C: The works of His hands are verity and justice; All His precepts are sure.**

## **RESPONSIVE THANKSGIVING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord of heaven and earth, You made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

**C: Thank You for the mountains and the prairies,  
the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.**

P: Thank You for the roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank You for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank You for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

**C: Thank You for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.**

P: Thank You for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

**C: Thank You for our children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.**

P: Thank You for the greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces we love.

**C: Thank You for Christian parents and spouses, for their affection and their care.**

P: Thank You for Your Son Jesus Christ, for His coming to us in Word and Sacraments, for His giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

**C: Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.**

P: Our Father, who art in heaven;

**C:** God does all this because He is my good and gracious Father in heaven, not because of anything I have done to earn or deserve it. For all of this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him.

**P:** Lord, we most of all have reason to thank and praise You for the great gift of Your Son Jesus Christ, in whom we have full redemption for our sins, and through whom we are reconciled to You, to know You, and live to You all our lives. Thanks be to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

**C:** This is most certainly true.

## **HYMN 793: *Sing to the Lord of Harvest***

**The Sermon:** audio sermons at [www.middletonlutheran.org](http://www.middletonlutheran.org)

Sermon Text: **Psalm 100**

Sermon Theme:

### **The Psalmist Encourages Us To Shout, To Shout For Joy To The Lord! Why?**

**I: Because He has made us.**

**II: Because we are His people.**

**III: Because He is merciful and faithful forever.**

*Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! 2 Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. 3 Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. 4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. 5 For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.*

**WE RESPOND WITH OUR OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS.**

## **HYMN 36: *Now Thank We All Our God***

**P:** They stand fast forever and ever, And are done in truth and uprightness.

**C:** He has sent redemption to His people. He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome is His name.

**Hymn 19:4** The Lord forsaketh not His flock,  
His chosen generation;  
He is their Refuge and their Rock,  
Their Peace and their Salvation.  
As with a mother's tender hand  
He leads His own, His chosen band, –  
To God all praise and glory!

## **Responsive Reading from the Psalms – praising God for His wonderful works**

**P:** Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works Which You have done; And Your thoughts toward us Cannot be recounted to You in order;

**C:** If I would declare and speak of them, They are more than can be numbered.

**P:** We will not hide them from our children,

**C:** Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.

**P:** I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

**C:** Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.

**P:** Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness,

**C:** And for His wonderful works to the children of men!

Hymn 19:6 Then come before His presence now  
And banish fear and sadness;  
To your Redeemer pay your vow  
And sing with joy and gladness:  
Though great distress my soul befell,  
The Lord, my God, did all things well –  
To God all praise and glory!

### We hear the Word of God:

#### First Reading: I Timothy 2:1-8

*Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, 7 for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle -- I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying -- a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. 8 I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;*

#### CHOIR: "Let All Things Now Living"

### The First Article of the Apostles' Creed and Prayer

**C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

P: Dear heavenly Father, what does this mean?

**C: I believe that God has created me and all creatures.**

P: You, then, O God, are our Creator, our Maker to whom we owe all things, and to whom we must give account. Forgive us, then, O Lord, for our waywardness, our self-interest, our coldness toward You and toward our fellow man.

**C: He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my bodily members, my mind and all my senses, and still keeps them for me.**

P: What wonders You do work in our creation, Lord. Fearfully and wonderfully made, we were created to serve and glorify You with our mind, talents, strength, and substance. Again, forgive us where we have done wrong and wrongfully employed our mind, eyes, ears, hands, and tongue. Cleanse our hearts, that no evil thought may linger in us, that no evil word, nor wicked deed should manifest itself in us, but that we be pure and holy before You all of our days.

**C: God also preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all my property and all I need to support this body and life.**

P: On this Thanksgiving festival we especially bring praise and thanks to You for Your bountiful goodness in all areas of our lives. You are justly displeased with us when we take for granted these many blessings, or when we misuse or squander what has been given to us for our good. Open our hearts, then, by Your Spirit to share our blessings with those who are in need; make our hearts tender toward those who struggle in life; and may we perform all tasks, simple or great, to Your glory.

**C: He protects me from all danger. He guards and defends me from every evil.**

P: We look to You, heavenly Father, for divine protection and care. How many dangers and disasters we have escaped through Your providence and the tender care of Your angels. We thank You for the relative peace and privilege that we have experienced in this last generation. If we now experience some political and economic uncertainty, let it be for our ultimate good, teaching us to turn our eyes heavenward, rather than to count on the ways of mankind for our peace and safety.