

**HYMN: WS #792**

**"Let All Things Now Living"**

**SERMON – Acts 27:20-25** When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned. <sup>21</sup> Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul stood up among them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and incurred this injury and loss. <sup>22</sup> Yet now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. <sup>23</sup> For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, <sup>24</sup> and he said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.' <sup>25</sup> So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. <sup>33</sup> As day was about to dawn, Paul urged them all to take some food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day that you have continued in suspense and without food, having taken nothing. <sup>34</sup> Therefore I urge you to take some food. For it will give you strength, for not a hair is to perish from the head of any of you." <sup>35</sup> And when he had said these things, he took bread, and giving thanks to God in the presence of all he broke it and began to eat. <sup>36</sup> Then they all were encouraged and ate some food themselves. <sup>37</sup> (We were in all 276 persons in the ship.) <sup>38</sup> And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea.

### Thanksgiving on a Sinking Ship

**HYMN: TLH #29**

**"Through All the Changing Scenes of Life"**

**- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -**

**OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1**

**"We Give Thee But Thine Own"**

- C** ♪ We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

**THANKSGIVING PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION**

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

- C** Amen!

**HYMN: TLH #36**

**"Now Thank We All Our God"**

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**Thanksgiving Day**

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Thanks



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## OPENING PRAYER

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**“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## INTROIT

*Ps. 136:1-7, 23-26*

**P** Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! His mercy endures forever.

**C** Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever.

**P** Oh give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever.

**C** To Him who alone does great wonders, For His mercy endures forever;

**P** To Him who by wisdom made the heavens, For His mercy endures forever;

**C** To Him who laid out the earth above the waters, For His mercy endures forever;

**P** To Him who made great lights, For His mercy endures forever;

**C** Who remembered us in our lowly state, For His mercy endures forever;

**P** And rescued us from our enemies, For His mercy endures forever;

**C** Who gives food to all flesh, For His mercy endures forever.

**P** Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven! For His mercy endures forever.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**P** Seeing all that the Lord had done for us, let us confess our sins before Him and plead for His mercy.

**C** Lord God we fall before You in sorrow. Though You have given us many blessings, we so often fail to notice them much less give thanks for them. You bless us with freedom and safety, and we take it for granted. You pour out material blessings upon us, and we devour them, always looking for more, never content with what You have given. We care more about the gifts than we do about You, the Giver. Worst of all Lord, we let the things of this world and our desire for them obscure the most wonderful gift You have given – forgiveness through the death of Your Son. Forgive us for our thoughtless thanklessness, and retune our hearts to sing Your grace. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

**P** Rejoice people loved by God! For your Father has heard your prayer. He has provided a sacrifice; you will not die. By the blood of Jesus Christ, all your sins have been washed away. As a minister of our Lord, according to His command and by His authority, all sins

of thought and word and deed, your thanklessness and your selfishness, I forgive in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**HYMN: TLH #568**

**“We Praise Thee, O God”**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Deuteronomy 8:1-10** "The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. <sup>2</sup> And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. <sup>3</sup> And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>4</sup> Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. <sup>5</sup> Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. <sup>6</sup> So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. <sup>7</sup> For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup> a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

**Psalmody: WS p. 41**

**“While I Live”**

**EPISTLE READING – Philippians 4:6-7, 11-13** Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. . . . <sup>11</sup> Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup> I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me.