#### A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

# God's love is everlasting.

Come, let us praise God joyfully.

## Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors;

## We thank you, Lord God.

For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;

## We thank you, Lord God.

For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;

# We thank you, Lord God.

For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets kept in love;

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For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures; **We thank you**,

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For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies;

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For the young; for their high hopes; for their irreverence toward worn-out values; for their search for freedom; for their solemn vows;

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For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger;

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For the church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord;

## We praise you, Lord God.

For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love; who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship;

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Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him;

# We thank and praise you, Eternal God, for all your goodness to us.

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