

Blessing Box ^{the}



Blessed to be a Blessing!

ONE . . . Pick-up a BLESSING BOX at church or find your own. If you'd like, decorate your box with words, pictures or Bible verses that remind you of the blessings God has given you. And kids... you can color the front of your Journal, too!

TWO . . . Beginning Nov. 7, **EACH DAY** put a non-perishable food item or basic hygiene item (shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, shaving cream, razors, washcloths, etc.) in to your blessing box. Complete your PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING devotional for each day as you add the items to your box.

THREE . . . **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

On Sunday, November 27 return your Blessing Box to church full of non-perishable food or basic hygiene items. We will pray over our boxes during worship, asking God to use our gifts to bless others throughout the coming Christmas season.



*Give thanks to the LORD
for He is good! Psalm 107:1*



Devotional

November 7 - November 26

**Return Blessing Box on
Sunday, November 27.**

*Give thanks to the Lord
for He is good!*

Psalm 107:1

Monday, November 7 - Psalm 84

Reading + Psalm 84:1-2

- ¹ How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!
² My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Prayer

Heavenly Father,
For a dwelling place in your presence;
For the privilege to live in the courts of the Lord;
For a heart and a flesh turned to Christ, our living God,
We give you thanks and praise, now and evermore.
Amen.

Tuesday, November 8 - Psalm 84

Reading + Psalm 84:3-4

- ³ Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young - a place near your altar, Lord Almighty, my King and my God.
⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, With hearts of praise, we thank you for calling us near to you in Holy Baptism. Amen.

Saturday, November 26 - Psalm 145

Reading + Psalm 145:19-21

- ¹⁹ He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.
²⁰ The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.
²¹ My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

Prayer

"Praise and Thanksgiving" LSB 789

Father, providing Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding Teach us to share
One with another, So that, rejoicing
With us, all others May know Your care. Amen.

Sunday, November 27

Return your Blessing Boxes

Bring your Blessing Box to church with you on **November 27** full of non-perishable food or hygiene items.

Bring your box up front before church starts, and we will pray that God would use our gifts to bless others with care and love this season.



Thursday, November 24 - Psalm 145

Reading + Psalm 145:13-15

- ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.
The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.
- ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

Prayer

“Praise and Thanksgiving” LSB 789

Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
For all things living, Created good:
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood. Amen.

Friday, November 25 - Psalm 145

Reading + Psalm 145:16-18

- ¹⁶ You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.
- ¹⁷ The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.
- ¹⁸ The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Prayer

“Praise and Thanksgiving” LSB 789

Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling For daily bread. Amen.

Wednesday, November 9 - Psalm 84

Reading + Psalm 84:5-6

- ⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.
- ⁶ As they pass through the Valley of Baka, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools.

Prayer

God and Gracious God, Set our hearts on you that we may find the strength to share the experience of your love with all we encounter. Amen.

Thursday, November 10 - Psalm 84

Reading + Psalm 84:7-8

- ⁷ They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.
- ⁸ Hear my prayer, Lord God Almighty; listen to me, God of Jacob.

Prayer

Redeeming Savior, We long for the day that we appear before you in blessed Zion. Until that day, keep us in the one true faith and save us always by your grace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Friday, November 11 - Psalm 84

Reading + Psalm 84:9-10

- ⁹ Look on our shield, O God;
look with favor on your anointed one.
- ¹⁰ Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

Prayer

Heavenly Father,
For our shield, your Anointed One, Jesus Christ;
For the privilege to live in the courts of the Lord;
We give you thanks and praise, now & evermore. Amen.

Tuesday, November 22 - Psalm 145

Reading + Psalm 145:7-9

- ⁷ They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
- ⁸ The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.
- ⁹ The Lord is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.

Prayer

from "The Lutheran Book of Prayer"

Creator and Keeper of the world, You are so high above
and beyond my little thought and ways that I cannot
comprehend the fullness of Your being. With thanks and I
praise I sing of your works! Amen.

Saturday, November 12 - Psalm 84

Reading + Psalm 84:11-12

- ¹¹ For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows
favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from
those whose walk is blameless.
- ¹² Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

Prayer

Gracious God, We thank and praise you for all the
blessings you bestow on us - protection, favor, honor,
and all good things. Set our hearts to trust in You,
that we may know the blessings of a saving faith. Amen.

Wednesday, November 23 - Psalm 145

Reading + Psalm 145:10-12

- ¹⁰ All your works praise you, Lord;
your faithful people extol you.
- ¹¹ They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might,
- ¹² so that all people may know of your mighty acts
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Prayer

from "The Lutheran Book of Prayer"

Heavenly Father, I cannot by my own reason or strength
comprehend the fullness and extent of Your love. In faith I
thank and praise you for your great glory. Amen.

Sunday, November 20 - Psalm 145

Reading + Psalm 145:1-3

- ¹ I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.
- ² Every day I will praise you and extol your name
for ever and ever.
- ³ Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.

Prayer

from "The Lutheran Book of Prayer"

Father, In faith I thank and praise Your grace and mercy.
You do so much for me without any merit in me that all I
can do is thank and praise Your holy name. Amen.

Monday, November 21 - Psalm 145

Reading + Psalm 145:4-6

- ⁴ One generation commends your works to another;
they tell of your mighty acts.
- ⁵ They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
- ⁶ They tell of the power of your awesome works—
and I will proclaim your great deeds.

Prayer

from "The Lutheran Book of Prayer"

Gracious God, Because in Your steadfast love and mercy
You have made Yourself my Father in Jesus Christ and re-
created me in the image of His holiness, I give you
thanks and praise. Amen.

Sunday, November 13

Psalm 136:1-3

- ¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His love endures forever.
- ² Give thanks to the God of gods.
His love endures forever.
- ³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords:
His love endures forever.

Monday, November 14

Psalm 136:4-9

- ⁴ to him who alone does great wonders,
His love endures forever.
- ⁵ who by his understanding made the heavens,
His love endures forever.
- ⁶ who spread out the earth upon the waters,
His love endures forever.
- ⁷ who made the great lights — *His love endures forever.*
- ⁸ the sun to govern the day, *His love endures forever.*
- ⁹ the moon and stars to govern the night;
His love endures forever.

Tuesday, November 15

Psalm 136:10-12

- ¹⁰ to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt
His love endures forever.
- ¹¹ and brought Israel out from among them
His love endures forever.
- ¹² with a mighty hand and outstretched arm;
His love endures forever.

Wednesday, November 16

Psalm 136:13-16

¹³ to him who divided the Red Sea asunder

His love endures forever.

¹⁴ and brought Israel through the midst of it,

His love endures forever.

¹⁵ but swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea;

His love endures forever.

¹⁶ to him who led his people through the wilderness;

His love endures forever.

Thursday, November 17

Psalm 136:17-22

¹⁷ to him who struck down great kings,

His love endures forever.

¹⁸ and killed mighty kings—*His love endures forever.*

¹⁹ Sihon king of the Amorites—*His love endures forever.*

²⁰ and Og king of Bashan—*His love endures forever.*

²¹ and gave their land as an inheritance,

His love endures forever.

²² an inheritance to his servant Israel.

His love endures forever.

Friday, November 18

Psalm 136:23-25

²³ He remembered us in our low estate,

His love endures forever.

²⁴ and freed us from our enemies.

His love endures forever.

²⁵ He gives food to every creature.

His love endures forever.

Saturday, November 19

Psalm 136:26

²⁶ Give thanks to the God of heaven.

His love endures forever.

Prayer

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Give thank to God, for He is good.

His love endures forever.

Give praise to him, the Lord of lords.

His love endures forever.

He spread the earth and sea and sky.

He filled them all with light and life.

May God alone be lifted high!

His love endures forever.

Give thank to God, for He is good.

His love endures forever.

He brought us out from sin and death.

His love endures forever.

He stood and stretched His mighty hand.

How bowed Himself, became a man —

A gulf that only love could span.

His love endures forever.

Give thank to God, for He is good.

His love endures forever.

We join the song that never ends:

His love endures forever.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Praise Him, all creature here below!

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

His love endures forever.