



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thanksgiving Eve – November 23, 2022

Opening Hymn

CW 597

- 1 Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love
and still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us
and keep us in his grace
and guide us when perplexed
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.
- 3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

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Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit, lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Be seated

Sermon

Sermon Response

Psalm 100B sts. 1–2, 4

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the LORD with cheerful voice.
Him serve with fear; his praise forthtell;
come ye before him and rejoice!
- 2 Know that the LORD is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make.
We are his folk; he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.
- 4 For why? The LORD our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood
and shall from age to age endure.

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¹⁸Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and he said:

“Who am I, Sovereign LORD, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? ¹⁹And as if this were not enough in your sight, Sovereign LORD, you have also spoken about the future of the house of your servant—and this decree, Sovereign LORD, is for a mere human!

²⁰“What more can David say to you? For you know your servant, Sovereign LORD. ²¹For the sake of your word and according to your will, you have done this great thing and made it known to your servant.

²²“How great you are, Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears.

Hymn of Praise

CW 612

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

- 3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin;
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
- 4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim: “My God, how great thou art!”
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

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Reading

Philippians 4:4–9

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Hymn

CW 607

Ref Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
 worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
 I'll worship your holy name.

1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
 it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
 let me be singing when the evening comes.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
 worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
 I'll worship your holy name.

2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.
 Your name is great, and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing—
 ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
 worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
 I'll worship your holy name.

3 And on that day when my strength is failing,
 the end draws near, and my time has come;
still my soul will sing your praise unending—
 ten thousand years and then forevermore.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
 worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
 I'll worship your holy name.

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Stand

Reading

Luke 17:11–19

¹¹Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

¹⁴When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?”

¹⁸Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?”

¹⁹Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

Hymn

CW 503 sts. 1, 4

- 1 Oh, that I had a thousand voices
to praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
would then proclaim in grateful songs
to all, wherever I might be,
what great things God has done for me.
- 4 Lord, I will tell, while I am living,
your love and grace with ev’ry breath
and greet each morning with thanksgiving
until my heart is still in death,
and, when at last my lips grow cold,
your praise shall in my sighs be told.

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Be seated

Thank Offering

As the offering is gathered, please sign the Friendship Register as it is passed down the pew and greet your neighbor. Guests are welcome to give but should not feel obligated to do so.

Stand and sing as the offering is brought to the altar:

CW 609 sts. 1, 3

- 1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

- 3 With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us;
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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Responsive Prayer for Thanksgiving

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.

Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.

Thank you for 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.

Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.

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. **Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.**

Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you. **Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.**

Thank you for the healing you bring when we are sick, the protection you send when we are in danger, and the comfort you offer when we are sad. Lead us to be thankful as we believe that in all things you work for the good of those who love you. **Thank you for those who help and encourage us in difficult times.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

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

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

CW 507

- 1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

- 2 His law he enforces; the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine.
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing.
With glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

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