



Now Thank We All Our God

November 24, 2021

6:30 pm

ETERNAL LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

a member congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

FOR OUR GUESTS

Thank you for being here. During your visit today, you will see and hear what we're all about: God's *eternal love* for us through his Son, Jesus Christ! Any directions for speaking or singing, standing or sitting will be indicated in this folder or projected on the wall in front of you.

- Restrooms are available just outside the chapel doors to the left.
- If you have young children with you today, great! We encourage families to worship together. We do have a nursery area available just outside the chapel near the bathrooms, should you feel the need to step out of worship with your child for a moment. Activity sheets for your child are available from the ushers as well.

AS YOU PREPARE FOR THANKSGIVING WORSHIP THIS EVENING

Read the Gospel on p. 7.

Can you picture the excitement on Zacchaeus' face when Jesus invites himself over for dinner? Zacchaeus had likely come to expect the scoffing looks and comments from others due to his reputation as a tax collector. He knew that his reputation was not entirely unearned. But Jesus brings change, blessing, healing to his heart! His grip on wealth was loosened and he opened his hands in generosity.

Today as we worship Jesus, we also open our hands in thanksgiving and generosity of praise, for Jesus also frees us from guilt. We know that every perfect gift is from above, from God our Savior.

Read the Scripture on p. 9.

We learn from Noah who had been quarantined—can you imagine?!—inside a ship for many months during the flood. After disembarking, he offered sacrificial praise to God and dedication to him for his protecting care and mercy. Every descendant of Noah can know that God will sustain his creation and care for it season by season, according to his good and gracious will.

This evening our hearts and lips overflow with praise as we celebrate God's faithful, protecting care.

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

Christian Worship #609



1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor!
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fath - ers; we bless you.
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer;



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring:
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been;
To you, great Je - ho - vah, glad an - thems we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
Your strong arm will guide us; our God is be - side us.



We bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
And with your help, O Lord, our bat - tles we win.
To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - e'er be praise!

INVOCATION

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

WE WORSHIP THE LORD WHO CREATED US

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.
(Revelation 4)

You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their
starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them.
You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you. *(Nehemiah 9)*

HYMN

Let All Things Now Living
Christian Worship #260, st. 1

Men: ♪ **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.**

WE WORSHIP THE LORD WHO PRESERVES US

The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. *(Psalm 145)*

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? *(Matthew 6:26,27)*

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. *(Matthew 4:4)*

As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease. *(Genesis 8)*

Every good act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the lights, who does not change or shift like a shadow. *(James 1)*

HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

Christian Worship #260, st. 2

Women:  **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!”**

STAND

WE WORSHIP THE LORD WHO HAS SAVED US THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him. *(Rom. 4, Ps. 32)*

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. *(Ephesians 1)*

HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Christian Worship #318, st. 2

**All: ♪ With praise and thanksgiving, To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing his children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us; With your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O LORD God, give us of earthly things as much as it pleases you to give, and such as are beneficial and useful for us. As regards spiritual and heavenly things, give us a rich measure of your grace, and at the proper time, bring us, your children, to the assembly of saints in light, that we may be united with you here by faith and love, and in heaven forever and ever.

Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

LESSON

James 1:16-18

All our blessings come from above, from God our Savior.

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my dear brothers. ¹⁷Every good act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the lights, who does not change or shift like a shadow. ¹⁸Just as he planned, he gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would be a kind of firstfruits of his creations.

STAND

GOSPEL

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus' love moves hearts and hands graciously to give of wealth instead of selfishly to grip it.

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ²A man named Zacchaeus was there. He was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but since he was short, he could not see because of the crowd. ⁴He ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, because he was about to pass by that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶He came down quickly and welcomed Jesus joyfully. ⁷When the people saw it, they were all grumbling because he went to be a guest of a sinful man.

⁸Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I am going to give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I have cheated anyone out of anything, I will pay back four times as much."

⁹Jesus said to him, "Today, salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

BE SEATED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Young children may come forward for a brief devotion.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Now Thank We All Our God

Christian Worship #610



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God Through all our
3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther



hands and voic - es, Who won - drous things has done,
life be near us, With ev - er - joy - ful hearts
now be giv - en, The Son, and him who reigns



In whom his world re - joic - es, Who from our
And bless - ed peace to cheer us And keep us
With them in high - est heav - en, The one e -



moth - er's arms Has blessed us on our way With
in his grace And guide us when per - plexed And
ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore! For



count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
free us from all ills In this world and the next.
thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

MESSAGE

Genesis 8:18-22

After the flood, Noah thanks the LORD who promises to continue his preserving care.

¹⁸Noah went out with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives along with him. ¹⁹Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, and whatever swarms on the earth went out of the ship, species by species.

²⁰Noah built an altar to the LORD and took from every clean animal and every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹The LORD smelled the pleasant aroma. The LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the soil anymore because of man, for the thoughts he forms in his heart are evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike every living thing, as I have done.

²²While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

Thorough Thanksgiving

OFFERING

The members of Eternal Love congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this city and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our church's ministry. However, we do ask that everyone take part in completing the connection card. Whether you are worshiping in person or watching online, please fill it out now or later at www.eternal-love.org/onlineworship or scan the provided QR code to do so now.



OFFERING SONG

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*SUNG*)

For the Fruit of His Creation

Christian Worship #611

**For the fruit of his creation, Thanks be to God.
For his gifts to ev'ry nation, Thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, Thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.
In our worldwide task of caring For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that Love has found us, Thanks be to God.**

STAND

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

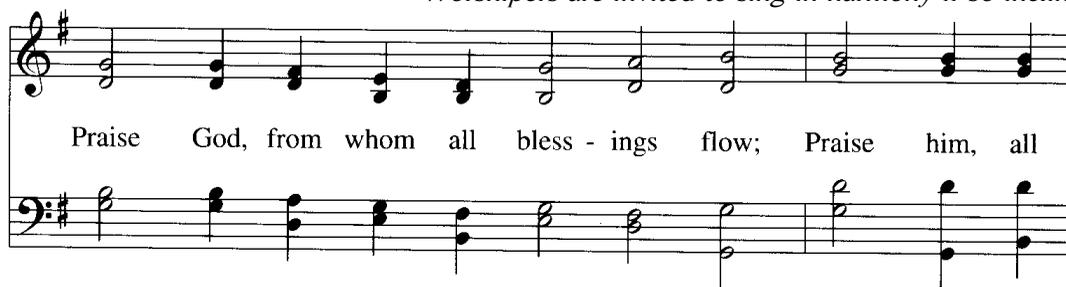
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CLOSING HYMN

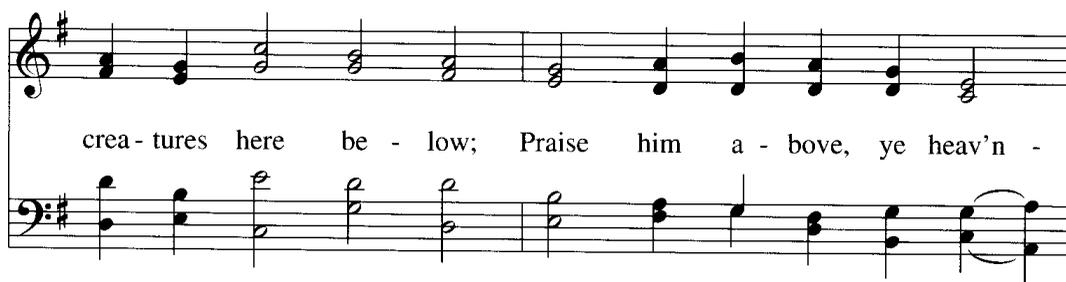
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Christian Worship #334

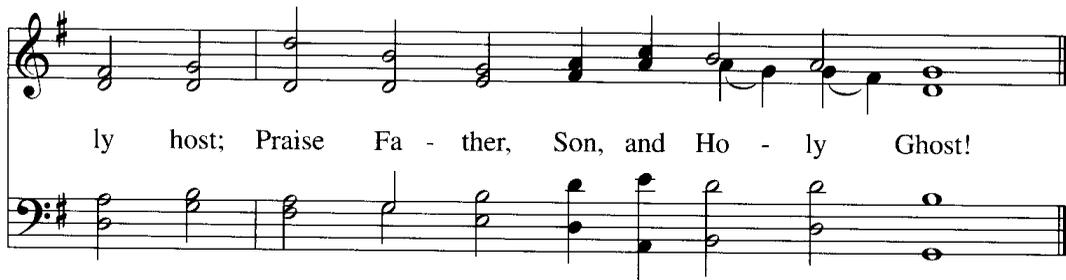
Worshippers are invited to sing in harmony if so inclined.



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all



crea - tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n -



ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

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